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38 ports say no to poison waste cargoes

Defiance on toxic imports widens

By Michael McCarthy, John Young, Ronald Faux and Robin Stacey

Fifteen shipments of Canadian toxic waste bound for a South Wales incinerator plant but barred from Liverpool, their planned port of entry, are unlikely to find another British port, it emerged last night.

A survey by *The Times* revealed that the vast majority of British ports would not be prepared to handle a cargo of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Out of 43 ports contacted, 38 said it was policy not to handle the chemicals.

The shipments, from a warehouse fire in Quebec, and the first of which are on way to the Pontypool plant of Rechem Environmental Services, are becoming the focus of opposition to the Government's policy of allowing toxic waste imports.

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, while carefully avoiding direct involvement in the dispute, yesterday restated the Government's view that Britain could play an "environmentally useful" role in disposing of properly handled and packaged waste.

"I am not convinced that turning our backs on the waste is necessarily the environmentally most responsible course of action," she said.

The decisions earlier this week by the chief executives of Tilbury and Liverpool not to allow the entry of PCBs seemed yesterday to have spread round the coast of Britain into an unofficial ban on the chemicals.

The first shipment, of 15 containers holding about 150 tonnes of PCB-contaminated waste, was due in Liverpool on August 16.

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Last night the Soviet freighter carrying them, the Nadezhda Obukhova, was already in the West German port of Bremerhaven, due to continue to Rotterdam before heading to England.

The second shipment, on another Soviet vessel, the Kapitanik Pakhomov, left Montreal on August 8.

Rechem would make no comment on what alternative port, if any, might be available to the vessels.

Although there are strict EC rules about pre-notification of ports for the trans-frontier movement of waste, the Department of the Environment said that in theory the waste disposal authority — in this case Torfaen Borough Council in South Wales — could give its agreement for the destination to be changed while the ship was at sea.

Council officials could not be contacted last night.

Even if the principle of a new port to be agreed, finding one to take the PCBs might present real problems, the survey by *The Times* revealed.

Port authorities from Dundee to Falmouth were unable or unwilling to accommodate vessels carrying the hazardous chemicals.

Of the 43 ports contacted, 38 said it was policy not to handle PCBs. Four said that as they had never been asked to discharge a PCB cargo they had no policy on the matter, but thought it unlikely they would accept them. Only Newcastle upon Tyne, a small port with 70 dockers, would welcome any cargo of toxic waste provided it was properly packaged and documented and the port was satisfied it had somewhere to go.

Mr Jeffrey Hayes, the port director of operations, said he would have no qualms accepting PCBs or any toxic waste provided it was correctly packaged and documented.

"We would want to be sure that its transportation was in keeping with the International Maritime Organization's dangerous goods code and be satisfied that the receiving firm was prepared for it and able to deal with it.

"If it could be done safely, we would happily take the business," he said.

Associated British Ports, which owns and operates 21 ports (Hull, Grimsby, Immingham, Goole, Southampton, Newport, Cardiff, Barry, Swansea, Port Talbot, Teignmouth, Plymouth, Lowestoft, Kings Lynn, Garston, Fleetwood, Colchester, Barrow, Filloth, Ayr and Troon), said the company did not handle PCBs in any way, shape or form.

Sea Containers, which operates seven terminals (Stranraer, Heysham, Holyhead, Fishguard, Newhaven, Folkestone and Parkstone Quay Harwich), said: "It is company policy not to handle these cargoes and we do not have the facilities anyway."

Among the independent ports, the attitude of Mr William Gaffney, operations supervisor at Dundee, was typical.

"We are just starting up again after the docks strike and taking on new workers and the last thing we want at this point is to get involved with any political questions about matters that are on the front page of every newspaper in the world," he said.

"We can accommodate deep-sea vessels and can handle containers, but if anyone approached us about such a cargo — which they have not — the answer would probably be 'no'."

Clyde port in Glasgow said it had never been approached about handling a PCB cargo.

Rechem is still consulting legal advisers with a view to taking action for damages against the Port of Liverpool.

Records, but no wickets, tumble at Test



Conquerors: Marsh (left) and Taylor acknowledge the crowd's applause as their opening stand goes above 300

Fruitless day for England

England's Test side, having already endured a torrid summer with the early loss of the Ashes to Australia followed by mass defections to an unauthorized tour of South Africa, were yesterday treated to a long and fruitless day in the field at Trent Bridge as records tumbled on the opening day of the fifth Test match.

Geoff Marsh and Mark Taylor, the Australian opening batsmen, batted throughout the day in an unbroken partnership of 301 runs as England's new-look bowling attack, met with even less success than their predecessors this summer.

The pair are the first in the 109-year history of Test cricket in England to bat through an entire day's play. Among the other Test records they established was the highest Australian first-wicket partnership, held since 1964-65 by Bobby Simpson, now Australia's coach, and Bill Lawry, who was commentating on yesterday's play.

Marsh, who finished the day 125 not out, gave credit to Simpson to the part he played in the stand. "Simmo couldn't be more happy. He told us about the batting-through-the-day record as well when we left the field. It's a credit to him that he's kept the team going the way it is." Taylor, who is 141 not out, now has an aggregate in the series of 642.

The pair said they were only aware of their achievements during the day when, as Marsh said, "The crowd started clapping at funny times!" They are now only 22 runs short of the first-wicket record for all Ashes Tests of 323.

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Minister adamant over NHS reforms

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

The Government last night remained determined to push through its National Health Service reforms, in spite of a critical report from a Tory-dominated Commons committee claiming the plans were a "leap in the dark" which could jeopardize patient care.

The social services select committee accused the Government of trying to do too much, too quickly and called for an extended timetable, pilot studies for the key reforms and local ballots for self-governing hospitals. However, Lord Trafford, Minister of State for Health, replied that the Government would not be thrown off course by the report — widely welcomed yesterday by health service professionals — and would proceed with its reforms in April 1991.

"Our differences are more over pace, rather than the direction of change," said Lord Trafford. "I am fully confident that the implementation task we have set ourselves is achievable."

Mr Robin Cook, Labour health spokesman said Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health had lost the debate on the White Paper and challenged him to go back to the drawing board. "This is the final nail in the Government's attempt to get public support for their proposals," said Mr Cook.

He called on the Government to put its plans to the test by postponing them to the next election.

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Lord Trafford replied that there was much "common ground" between the Committee and the Government.

He said: "We do not favour is that our proposals for improving the health service should be some kind of academic experiment with endless fine tuning conducted in a vaccuum while the bulk of the NHS remains unreformed."

The 11-member all-party committee, with six Conservative MPs, claimed that pressing ahead to implement the changes by 1991 could "jeopardize standards of care and the co-operation of the medical profession".

The plans should not go ahead till information systems capable of costing treatments were set up, it said.

However, the report does not oppose outright the concept of the two most controversial reforms, self-governing hospitals and GP budgets.

The report's impact was also partly undermined yesterday by efforts by three Conservative MPs on the committee to distance themselves from some of the main recommendations.

A minority report from Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Jerry Hayes and Miss Ann Widdecombe opposed the suggestion to set up pilot studies, delay the timetable or hold ballots — an idea which was "as ludicrous as it is unworkable".

BBC plans big rise in ethnic staff

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

The BBC is deliberately aiming to employ double the official proportion of ethnic minorities normally available for work in Britain — and in some departments more than three times the number.

The radical recruitment scheme follows an ethnic survey among the corporation's 28,000 staff which disclosed that just under 6 per cent of its employees (1,800 people) are from racial minority groups.

That compares with official Department of Employment labour force statistics which show that 3.9 per cent of Britain's "economically active" population are from the minorities.

But the BBC says the Government figures underestimate the percentage of people of African, Caribbean, Paki-

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Economy 'in line for soft landing'

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Britain is heading for a "soft landing" after the recent take-off in inflation, with little risk of a steep rise in unemployment.

But the slowdown may take longer than expected, and there is a risk that interest rates may have to rise further, says the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in its annual review of the British economy.

The underlying level of inflation is still likely to be about 5 per cent by the second half of next year, not much lower than the 5½ per cent forecast for the latter part of this year.

The balance of payments will improve during the remainder of this year but may deteriorate again next year, reaching an annual rate of deficit of £17.25 billion by the second half of 1990 compared with the Treasury's budget forecast of £12 billion for the first half. Growth in the economy is forecast to slow to 2 per cent and the fall in unemployment to be reversed from 7 per cent in the second half of this year to 7½ per cent a year later.

The Government's rise in interest rates is beginning to work, says the OECD, with demand for mortgages down, house price falling and consumer spending growing more slowly. But it criticizes the Government for putting too great a burden on monetary policy as the only weapon against inflation.

Budget surpluses should stay high for some years to bolster confidence in financial markets.

This implies less room for tax cuts in the run-up to the next election.

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Kenya police suspect Ward was murdered

From A Correspondent, Nairobi

An undercover inquiry into the death of Julie Ward, the Briton aged 28 whose charred and dismembered body was found in the Kenyan bush last September, has been conducted for the past 11 months.

And it emerged at the inquest into her death yesterday that a man giving evidence was suspected by police of being involved in her murder.

The inquest here was told that Mr David Nchoka, a warden at the game reserve where her body was found, had been secretly questioned about her abduction and death. Mr John Ward, aged 56, the deceased girl's wealthy father, previously had believed that the Kenyan authorities had done nothing about the case.

The fact that an investigation was in progress emerged when Mr Byron Georgiadis, Mr Ward's barrister, discovered in police statements that Mr Nchoko had been ques-

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The corner of Kent that will be forever France

By Michael Dynes
Transport Correspondent

There's some corner of a foreign field that is forever England

In a bizarre reversal of the sentiments expressed by Rupert Brooke in the poem, *The Soldier*, the completion of the Channel Tunnel will bring French sovereignty to a corner of Kent.

British and French customs and immigration officials are planning an "exchange of sovereignty" to prevent terrorists, drug traffickers and major criminals exploiting the Channel Tunnel shuttle services which begin in 1993.

It will thus be the first occasion since the Norman conquest of 1066 that the inhabitants of what is now France have taken over British territory and the first time since Francois de Lorraine, second Duc de Guise, took Calais from the English in 1558 that we have managed to return the compliment.

The unique arrangement, known officially as "juxtaposed controls," will allow British and French border officials to work in each other's territory while conducting security, passport, immigration and ticket checks on passengers.

The unprecedented arrangement will enable French border officials to carry out frontier checks this side of the Channel Tunnel, on passengers destined for Paris and Brussels, while their British counterparts will be given the same privileges at Calais.

In effect, the outward bound customs and immigration facilities at the Channel Tunnel terminus at Cheriton, near Folkstone, will be subject to French jurisdiction, while the outward bound customs and immigration facility at the Frethun terminus, near Calais, will be under British sovereignty.

Although the new arrangements do not entail a complete abolition of frontier controls and formalities, as called for the the European Commission's proposals for a Europe *sans frontieres's*, they will be kept to a minimum, British officials say.

Customs and immigration spot checks will be conducted before passengers enter the shuttle trains, giving passengers the right of "free exit" on arrival at their destination, in an attempt to avoid frontier bottlenecks.

Mr David Helsdon, an official at the HM Customs Directorate headquarters in London, described the arrangement as "a noval concept," in which British customs and immigrations officers "will apply British laws in France as far as customs and immigration is concerned".

The extra-territorial jurisdiction agreement will allow for suspected terrorists, drug traffickers and criminals to be arrested on the French side of the Channel Tunnel and brought back to Britain, and visa versa.

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Image for a lifetime

● Forty years ago, Jan Morris was transfixed by a face in a book; in tomorrow's *Times* she describes her long, one-sided love affair.

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● Does the unspoilt village survive, or has rural life surrendered to the commuter? In a series starting next Monday, Alan Franks sets out to find the English fantasy.

PORTFOLIO BOND

● Yesterday's £2,000 prize was shared by six winners: page 3
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Cheaper fuel

Petrol prices could be forced down soon as the large oil companies strive to maintain market share. BP and Shell reported strong results yesterday, but said profits from petrol sales were poor Page 19

Degree results

Degrees awarded by the University of Wales (Aberystwyth, *Bangor and Lampeter*) are published today... Page 26

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Students 'misled' by poll tax guide

Ministers at the Department of the Environment have been asked to withdraw a second guide to the community charge because it allegedly contains misleading inaccuracies (Sam Kiley writes). Miss Maeve Serlock, president of the National Union of Students, has written to Mr David Hunt, Minister of State for the Environment, pointing out that students are liable for 20 per cent of the community charge, according to the leaflet *You and the Community Charge: Students*, if they are involved in full-time education, defined as involving "21 hours of instruction per week".

However, full-time education as defined in the poll tax regulations is not instruction but "full-time study, tuition, or work experience which together amount in an academic year to an average of at least 21 hours for at least 24 weeks". Miss Sherlock said the difference between the two definitions would be crucial to many students, for example post-graduates who study but do not receive much tuition, and could create a misleading impression.

Unclaimed benefits

Nearly £1.2 billion went unclaimed in social security benefits in 1985–86, the Child Poverty Action Group claims today (Jill Sherman writes). Basing its claim on new government figures, it says more than 2.8 million people did not receive the benefits they were entitled to and a further 370,000 received less than they should have.

"The figures cast even further doubt upon the Government's strategy of targeting resources on the poorest by using means-tested benefits," said Mr Peter Wiles, the action group's acting director.

Fire-bomb attack

Welsh extremists yesterday claimed responsibility for a fire-bomb attack on an estate agent's office at Bangor, Gwynedd. The attack, which damaged a door, was claimed by the Sons of Glyndwr, which has claimed responsibility for a number of other attacks. The remains of the incendiary device, which had been placed on a windowsill, were sent to the Home Office forensic science laboratory at Chorley, Lancashire, to be examined.

Jockey sent for trial

The wife of Allan Mackay, the jockey, broke down in tears as he was remanded in custody for trial at Croydon Crown Court yesterday accused of plotting to smuggle cocaine worth £7 million into Britain. Mr Mackay, aged 30, who faces the conspiracy charge with five other men, was led away to the cells at Horsham, Sussex, after Mr Christopher Voelcker, the magistrate, ruled that his bail of £250,000 granted at an earlier hearing be revoked.

£1.6m bill for police

The West Midlands Police Authority decided yesterday to send a £1.6 million bill to South Yorkshire police for the costs so far in conducting the inquiry into the Hillsborough football disaster (Craig Seton writes). West Midlands assigned several hundred officers and staff to the investigation after 95 people died. South Yorkshire Police Authority is now expected to ask the Home Office to reimburse any of the costs that it faces.

Portrait draws viewers

A controversial new portrait of the Queen Mother has almost doubled attendance figures at the National Portrait Gallery, a spokeswoman said yesterday. The painting by Alison Watt – which many have said makes the Queen Mother look dowdy and grim – is the London gallery's star attraction after it was unveiled last week. Normal visiting figures of 500 to 700 a day have risen to more than 1,000.

Labour to develop battle plan for election

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

A full-scale review of the Labour Party's electoral strategy has been ordered with the objective of drawing up, by the end of the autumn, a detailed battle plan for fighting the next general election.

The reappraisal is the most fundamental undertaken since 1986, when the party's new communications machine was set up, and is aimed at building on the success of the policy review and Labour's improved electoral standing.

Recommendations will go to Mr Neil Kinnock and his colleagues within a month of the review's completion, probably in October.

It will result in recommendations for the organization of the next election campaign, the appointment of an advertising agency and polling organization, and arrangements for the production of party political broadcasts. However, the main purpose will be to identify ways of giving Labour a stronger appeal to the key group of voters it still needs to attract to be in a position to win the next election.

It is being conducted by senior party officials and expert outside advisers through Labour's Shadow Communications Agency.

The decision to move so soon has been taken by the party's chief strategists because they believe the policy review, on which Cabinet ministers began an assault yesterday, has given it a strong foundation on which to base a two-year campaign.

Labour's campaign received wide acclaim in 1987 but the party still suffered a landslide defeat and its leaders have since accepted that good presentation is no substitute for a credible policy stance. "We now have a product. This review is all about selling it," a leading strategist said yesterday.

Left-wing Labour MPs criticized the party's commitment to green issues last night (Andrew Pierce writes). The MPs intend to call for a red-green dialogue at a fringe meeting during next month's Labour party conference. Mr Ken Livingstone, Labour MP for Brent East, will address the meeting with Miss Penny Kemp, co-chairman of the Green Party. Mr Livingstone has circulated all constituencies with a paper sharply critical of the party's attitude to green issues.

With the new policies in place, the election planning process has been brought forward to give more time to prepare and implement a far-reaching plan that will build on the experience of the last election. The review has been spurred by internal party analysis of the voting in the European elections in June, which showed a far stronger element of protest against the Government on economic and quality-of-life issues than was at first suggested, and a much deeper shift in support from Government and minority parties to Labour than in previous mid-term slumps.

Beyond the protest vote there was evidence, according to party strategists, that the "big bang" presentation of the policy review had helped to persuade people that Labour had changed for the better and was trustworthy.

Ministers have been urged by the new Conservative chairman, Mr Kenneth Baker, to use the summer to expose what the Government sees as the flaws in Labour's new approach.

Mr John Major, the new Foreign Secretary, led the way yesterday by describing the policy review as "a colossal deception".

Labour was no more fit to govern now than a year ago, Mr Major told Conservative workers in his Huntingdonshire constituency. Labour's policies would turn Britain into an economic laughing stock.

Although Tory strategists believe Labour's abandonment of outright unilateralism will reduce their gains on the defence issue at the next election, Mr Major said that by abandoning the policy of flexible response Labour would undermine the unity of Nato, and by opposing the modernization of short-range weapons Labour would leave Nato without a credible or effective deterrent.

A Labour strategist said yesterday that the new Conservative assault on the policy review was a sign that the Government was rattled.

Rebel drivers press for more action on Tube

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

Rebel drivers on London Underground are planning mass meetings next week that are expected to lead to further disruption after leaders of the original wildcat strikes yesterday said that drivers would not accept the latest pay deal.

A call by the two unions involved in the dispute, the National Union of Railwaymen and the train drivers' union Aslef, to return to work, was rejected by scores of activists who yesterday brought the Jubilee and Metropolitan lines to a virtual standstill and delayed many other services.

Most trains ran normally because it was too late for the rebels to organize another stoppage after the union leaderships accepted a significant pay increase.

London Underground said: "We are saddened, disappointed and angry. This action is totally irrational and irresponsible. It would appear that, in some cases, if they don't like the ruling of an independent panel they are continuing to take action, despite acceptance by their unions."

Leaders of the two unions hope to capitalize on the report by the independent Mediation Board which left open the possibility of further pay increases – on top of the £16.72 a week rise recommended by the board – if the drivers increase productivity.

Professor John Goodman, chairman of the Mediation Board, said: "There are considerable opportunities for further increases in earnings following efficiency improvements and these too should be discussed by the parties."

Mr Derrick Fullick, Aslef general secretary-elect, said: "The deal that has been struck is money in the bank. Round two is to get talks going to see how we can increase that.

"Some people have jumped the gun and assumed that was the end of the matter. It is not. But I have no intention, neither has our executive of keeping our members out on strike, losing £40-50 a week, just to enhance our own ego."

The NUR said: "We have come to the end of one chapter but there is still some talking to be done."

● Fourteen foremen at Southampton docks were dismissed yesterday because there was no work for them. They will be given compulsory redundancy payments up to £35,000, by their employers, Associated British Ports.

Thatcher starts Austrian holiday



Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her husband, Mr Denis Thatcher, arriving at Salzburg airport yesterday at the start of a 10-day holiday in Austria. They are expected to stay in Werfen at the home of Mr Mr Matthias Kaindl, Britain's honorary consul in Salzburg.

Remand prisoners start tagging trial

By Craig Seton

In a cramped office beneath the magistrates' courts at Nottingham's Guildhall and above the city's central lock-up, preparations were being finalized yesterday for Britain's first experiment in the use of electronic tagging to impose home curfews on suspects awaiting trial.

From Monday for a six month trial period the city's magistrates will have the option of asking defendants aged over 17, who would otherwise be remanded in custody until their trials, whether they would instead agree to wear an anklet containing an electronic transmitter to continuously monitor their presence at home while on bail.

The privately-run Nottingham pilot study will be the first since Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, gave the go ahead for electronic tagging projects last October in an attempt to give magistrates an alternative when dealing with serious charges and in an attempt to reduce the population of prisons and remand centres.

Similar pilot studies will take place on North Tyneside and in London.

The Home Office has made clear that extending the scheme to convicted offenders who would be tagged to "serve" their sentences at home would require legislation. The Nottingham experiment, costing £180,000, will be managed by the microsystems division of Marconi Electronic Devices. The company has enlisted Securicor to provide a team to continuously man the control office at the city's magistrates courts, and has provided the Hawk Home Curfew System to monitor defendants who take part in the pilot study.

Under the system, defendants wear a low power frequency transmitter attached by a strap to their ankle.

A control computer stores details of the participant, the curfew conditions and records his or her presence in the home and up to a distance of 200ft away. If the defendant leaves home during the curfew period or removes the tag, an electronic bleep instantly signals the violation back at the magistrates court and the police are alerted.

Mrs Elizabeth Mary Blagg, chairman of the Nottingham magistrates said yesterday: "If the trial reduces pressure on overcrowded prisons without jeopardizing law and order in the community, it will be a great success."

Belfast rioting

DPP to study inquiry over boy's death

By Edward Gorman and Stewart Tendler

A report into the death of a boy aged 15 hit by a plastic bullet is to be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions to consider whether charges should be brought, Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said yesterday.

The family of Seamus Duffy will accompany his coffin from their home in Ballycarry Street in north Belfast to the Sacred Heart Church for a requiem mass today.

The boy became the 2,753 victim of violence in Ulster during rioting on Wednesday marking the eighteenth anniversary of internment without trial. The Royal Ulster Constabulary, which says it resorted to plastic bullets in defence against a rioting mob, has appointed a senior policeman to investigate his death.

Mr Brendan Duffy and his wife, Kathleen, maintain their son not involved in any of the unrest and was shot needlessly and in cold blood.

Mr Brooke said yesterday the Dublin government had asked questions about the teenager's death and he promised speedy answers. Repeating his "profound regret" at the incident, Mr Brooke said the RUC inquiry report would be submitted to the DPP.

Dr Cahal Daly, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Down and Connor who visited the Duffy family yesterday, said the tragedy highlighted the dangers of using plastic bullets. Sixteen people have been killed by baton rounds, half aged under 16. Hundreds more have been injured.

Dr Daly appealed for an end to the numerous and often violent commemorations that litter Northern Ireland's political calendar.

Meanwhile, Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch warned the public against an IRA attack over the period of the twentieth anniversary of the deployment of troops in Northern Ireland.

It said: "This appeal is being issued as a sensible precaution during an emotive time in Irish history. Attacks on the mainland against commercial and other non-military targets during this period cannot be ruled out." The warning called for the public to report any suspicious packages.

Galloway to join Sinn Fein marchers

By Kerry Gill

Mr George Galloway, the Labour MP for Glasgow Hillhead, sparked off another political furore yesterday after announcing that he would take part in a "troops out" march on the British Embassy in Dublin next week in the company of Father Patrick Ryan and Mr Gerry Adams, MP, the president of Sinn Fein.

Mr Galloway, who caused a storm two years ago after admitting to having relations with two women while representing the War On Want organization in Greece, said he had accepted an invitation to speak on the same platform as Father Ryan and Mr Adams after the march. He said: "The issue of who is on the platform is a red herring. I share a platform every day in the House of Commons with extremists ranging from Ian Paisley to Margaret Thatcher.

"I am not responsible for what they say or stand for because I am on that same platform. What I am responsible for is what I say and stand for," he said, adding that he fully supported demands for a British withdrawal from Northern Ireland.

The march, largely organized by Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, will take place on Saturday, August 19.

Thousands of protesters will be bussed from within the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland to take part in the march from Dublin's city centre to the British Embassy.

Irish police will mount a stringent security operation to avoid a repeat of rioting that erupted during a similar demonstration in 1981. Britain has failed twice to extradite Father Ryan for alleged bombing offences from Belgium and the republic where he is still free.

Mr Galloway recently survived the constituency re-selection process in spite of widespread concern at his extra-political activities, but his decision to take part in the march was described as "an astoundingly naive move" by a local Conservative Party activist.

Town halls fear lawyer shortage

By Richard Ford, Legal Affairs Reporter

Local authority lawyers are to launch an autumn initiative promoting careers in the public service as their staff become targets for recruitment by private practices seeking a slice of councils' legal work.

The threat posed to local government legal services by predators in private practice and political demands for competitive tendering is forcing its leaders to change their attitudes, and adopt a much tougher approach towards promotion and recruiting staff.

Mr Christopher Robinson, secretary of Surrey County Council, said: "Local authorities must look at their total approach towards recruitment. We are in a market and must offer a package that is attractive to potential employees. The image some authorities present is pretty poor. We are going to have to sell the job and the working environment if we are to succeed."

The iniative comes as more private practices set up local government units. West Wiltshire District Council has contracted out all legal work to a firm established by two of its former solicitors.

Although local government has contracted out a certain amount of legal work to solicitors in the private sector, the increasing interest in local authority work is seen as resulting from a combination of political and commercial pressures.

Private practices are marketing their services and searching for new clients at the same time as the Government's proposals for shaking up the legal system threaten to undermine areas of their work, particularly by allowing banks and financial institutions to do conveyancing.

They can offer more attractive salary and benefits packages than local authorities, and exploit uncertainty about the future role and prospects of service in local government.

The general shortage of lawyers has placed private practice in a strong position to recruit from local authorities. This has further undermined local government legal services. Mr Robinson said that as private practice employed staff from local authorities, those left behind faced an increased workload. This led to work being contracted out to private solicitors. "It is a vicious spiral and contracting out is not necessarily cheaper or more efficient," he said.

Company plans to extend services as monitoring of existing contamination starts officially

Government prepares pollution map

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The Government is preparing a map showing the existing contamination of soils in urban and rural areas of Britain by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) contained in general discharges by factory chimneys and the burning of plastic wastes in municipal incinerators.

The amounts are believed to be tiny but the aim is to establish the background levels so that increases in pollution can be monitored from incinerators designed to burn PCB wastes.

It will take up to 20 years to dispose of the PCB compounds that have accumulated worldwide since they first came into use in 1929 once a technically foolproof method of destruction has been established, according to Dr Alistair Hay, a specialist in chemical pathology, at Leeds University.

He believes that incineration of PCBs is the best option for disposal, though he has doubts about the efficiency of existing incinerators. He emphasizes that PCBs should not be dumped in landfill sites.

The reason for disposal by destruction comes after the dangers of PCBs originally came to light in Britain in 1969. They were implicated in the death over several weeks of thousands of seabirds in the Irish Sea. Detective work by ecologists from the Monk's Wood Experimental Establishment near Huntingdon found that high levels of PCBs in the birds' tissue contributed to their death.

The PCBs came from industrial wastes dumped regularly for the chemical industry in the North-West in the midway trench in the Irish Sea. They had leached into the food chain.

Subsequent research has shown that persistent exposure to low doses of PCBs will cause cancer in animals and has affected the reproduction of wildlife. There is no comparable information on the effect of long-term exposure to low doses of PCBs on people.

As the evidence built up of the risk of environmental pollution from PCB-wastes, Monsanto, the leading manufacturer in the world, voluntarily stopped production.

Dr Hay is investigating the toxicity of both the PCB compounds and their more poisonous derivatives, dioxins and furans, which can be released accidentally by incomplete incineration.

He said the most detailed evidence of its effects on humans came from an accident, known as the Yusho incident, in which several hundred Japanese children and adults were taken ill after ingesting vegetable oil contaminated by industrial oil used in food processing. Some of the contaminated oil comprised as much as 2 per cent PCBs.

Acute cases of ulcers, stomach and eye trouble occurred, but there have been no long-term disorders reported such as birth deformities and increased incidence of cancer in the population, which is still under surveillance.

The characteristics that make PCBs attractive for industrial purposes are those that make it such a potentially lethal biocide when discarded as waste.

Dr Hay says PCBs are safe while they remain sealed in their transformers. "Each country should dispose of its own waste. The days are over for trafficking this stuff around. Commonsense suggests it is very unwise to accept PCBs in Britain from all over the world without a foolproof technology for its destruction."

Toxic waste firm in £30m expansion

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Rechem Environmental Services, Britain's leading incinerator of toxic wastes including polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), plans to spend £30 million over the next three years on expanding and improving its capacity.

The company believes that the demand for its services will grow even though in most countries the manufacture of PCB-based systems has ended.

Electrical installations such as transformers use PCB-based systems, which act as a coolant and lubricant. When the machinery is scrapped the PCB waste needs to be destroyed.

Rechem calculates that millions of tonnes of PCBs require disposal as machinery ends its useful life, enough to last until the year 2020. At Pontypool, Gwent, where Rechem has an incinerator with a 30,000 tonnes annual capacity, the company has acquired adjoining land for a new incinerator costing £12 million. Imports account for 15 per cent of Pontypool's business.

A £7.7 million upgrading of Rechem's Fawley, Southampton, incineration plant is also starting. Negotiations are nearing completion for a new incinerator in Europe, costing about £20 million.

By specialising in the disposal of highly contaminated waste, Rechem has improved its profit margins from 34 per cent to 45 per cent in its last full financial year, according to City analysis.

Britain's only other licensed toxic wastes incinerator is at Ellesmere Port in the north west, part of the waste disposal business of Cleanaway, the brand name of Brambles Industries of Australia.

The British operation is an equal joint venture with GKN, the industrial group best known for its motor components.

A new incinerator, costing about £20 million, is being built by Cleanaway at Ellesmere Port to replace the existing one.

A Scottish farmer has begun a £1.1 million action for damages against Rechem, claiming that fumes from the company's plant at Bonnybridge in Stirlingshire caused abnormalities in his cattle (Kerry Gill writes).

Mr Andrew Graham, whose cattle grazed near the plant, which closed in 1984 for economic reasons, launched the action at the High Court in London. Four mothers in the area are also expected to take action against Rechem after they had children born with congenital eye defects.

The action is being contested by Rechem. In 1985, an independent review ordered by the Government concluded there was nothing unusual in human, animal or plant health in Bonnybridge.

The review said the troubles experienced by Mr Graham's cattle were due primarily to nutritional imbalances.

CORRECTIONS

A report from Jerusalem yesterday should have referred to preparations for the day of mourning Tish B'Av (ninth of Av) and not, as stated, the Feast of the Tabernacle.

The Horizons article on August 1 on archivists' careers wrongly stated that the Public Records Office recruits only applicants with doctorates.

Wider legal power against child abuse suspects urged

By Richard Ford
Legal Affairs Reporter

Family life is under siege, with the Government promoting a "condom culture" and refusing to invest in education, counselling and a fairer tax and benefits system needed to boost family stability, the National Family Trust said yesterday (David Nicholson-Lord writes). In an article in the Conservative Bow Group's magazine, *Crossbow*, Professor Richard Whitfield, chairman of the trust, which was founded in 1987, attacks what he terms the progressive transfer of resources from families with children to the child-free as likely to trigger a serious population decline.

The Conservatives' record since 1979 was "dismal", he said. It refused to promote "personal relationships" education within the school curriculum and provided, in grants to counselling and reconciliation agencies, only 1 per cent of the legal aid handed out for divorce actions.

Proposals to toughen laws on child sex abuse by giving courts the power to order alleged suspects from a family home are recommended today in a package of measures on reforming family law.

The Law Commission suggests that a single set of remedies be available in all courts to deal with the interrelated areas of domestic violence and the occupation of the family home.

It criticizes the present law as complicated and confusing for the people involved and suggests that a more unified approach would allow disputes involving the family to be dealt with together.

In the wake of the Cleveland child abuse scandal, the commission says one way of removing an alleged child abuser from the home instead of having to remove the child, would be to consolidate the powers of the local authority with those of a mother seeking protection from molestation.

By doing that, one court would have the choice of either agreeing to the child being taken into care or the alleged abuser being ousted from the family home.

Another way of dealing with the problem would be to give local authorities the power to seek a private law remedy involving removing a suspect from the family home.

The commission believes that under the Children Bill, the courts could be given the power during proceedings for emergency protection, care or supervision orders to order a member of the child's household to leave.

The commission says the main ground for an emergency protection order is that there is reasonable cause to believe that the child is likely to suffer significant harm if not removed from the house.

The report says the additional ground to remove someone from the family home could be because there is reasonable cause to believe that harm will not occur to the child if the person is excluded from the property.

The courts could also have power to make ouster orders by consent or accept undertakings with a power of arrest attached to them, the commission says.

Such initiatives would be justifiable in the short term "if it would increase confidence in a remedy which is designed to protect a child from the trauma and stigma of a sudden removal from his home, family and friends".

It criticizes the present system, saying different remedies are available in different courts.

That means that people living together outside marriage can apply to a county court only for an injunction, while married couples can also use cheaper remedies in the magistrates' courts.

However, magistrates' courts can deal only with violence, not other forms of harassment such as pestering at work or constant telephoning.

It outlines a unified structure giving all courts the power to prohibit one party from molesting the other; from molesting a child; requiring one party to leave the home; banning a party from entering or re-entering the home; requiring one party to allow the other to enter and remain in the home and regulating the occupation of the home.

Domestic Violence and Occupation of the Family Home (Stationery Office; £3.50).

Police cover-up for television



Detective Constable Jamie Ayres (left) and Detective Constable Jerry Simpson donned thick make-up and wigs yesterday to play the parts of black robbers in a reconstruction of an attempted robbery for Anglia Television's *Crimestoppers* programme.

The attempted robbery at Aleks jewellery shop in Castle Street, Norwich, took place on August 2.

Norwich police run into difficulties when trying to find policeman to play the part of the three thieves, one of whom was white, as there are no black officers in the force.

They spent days setting up the reconstruction but the heavily made-up officers did not seem to convince members of the public watching the filming of the reconstruction.

One passer-by said: "Everybody was laughing. They just looked like two white men made up to look like black men."

The film will be shown on Anglia Television later this month.

£10m bank fraud

Bogus loan pair imprisoned

A City of London businessman and his secretary were jailed yesterday for an international fraud in which banks were cheated out of £10 million (Richard Ford writes).

They were sentenced by the Central Criminal Court after a 15-week trial estimated to have cost £1 million.

Tens of thousands of documents contained in dozens of volumes the size of telephone directories were studied by the judge and jury and there were so many prosecution exhibits that the jurors were unable to sit together in one jury box.

Dieter Schiffer, aged 54, who masterminded the fraud, involving banks in Britain, Switzerland, Israel, Canada, Saudi Arabia and France, was told by the judge that he lived in a "dream world".

His ambitious secretary, attracted by the glamour of foreign travel and promotion, became involved in the fraud, which took detectives six and a half years to unravel, the court was told.

She fell under his spell after answering an advertisement for a £15,000-a-year secretarial job that appeared in the Creme de la Creme employment section of *The Times*. Under the "charm and powers of persuasion" of her boss, she was soon assisting in the huge loan fraud.

Patricia Buzalek, aged 42, of Hampstead, north-west London, wept as she was given an 18-month jail sentence, half of which was suspended, after being convicted of fraudulent trading. She was banned from being a director of a company for five years.

Schiffer, aged 54, from Cobham, Kent, was jailed for four years after being convicted of fraudulent trading and banned from being a director of a company for 10 years.

Mr Peter Jackson, counsel for the prosecution, told the jury that Buzalek had been corrupted by Schiffer into being an able and effective assistant. A number of London banks had been cheated out of a total of £10 million, believing they were lending money to fund international trade deals.

Instead, the cash was going from Schiffer's company, Gallic Credit International Limited, in the City of London, to prop up two ailing West German companies. The banks were shown bogus bills and letters to back up the loans.

"It is a story of lies, international intrigue and secret bank accounts," Mr Jackson said.

Judge McLean told Buzalek: "It may be you are one of those women who become absolutely mesmerized by your boss. But you played a very definite dishonest part in this fraud."

He told Schiffer: "You were living in a dream world. You had neither the background nor the commercial or banking experience to run such a firm and very quickly got out of your depth."

Mr Antonio Bueno, counsel for Miss Buzalek, said she had been wholly taken in by Schiffer but remained loyal and devoted to him.

"It is difficult to believe she would ever have appreciated the enormity of what was going on. Her dishonesty was based upon inexperience and stupidity and she acted at all times under Schiffer's direction."

She had made no financial gain for herself and now faced financial ruin.

Proposals to curb stray dogs

By Ruth Gledhill and Ronald Faux

Local authorities will have to pick up stray dogs, hold them and destroy them if necessary if government proposals become law.

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said the proposals in the consultation paper *Action on Dogs* would provide "swift, direct and local solutions" to the problem.

The proposals were criticized by the RSPCA. Mr Gavin Grant, its spokesman, said: "The most glaring omission is the lack of funding for local authorities to implement these new powers."

The Institute of Environmental Health Officers said: "Placing a duty on local authorities to deal with stray dogs, while not allocating extra funds, will force them to look for funds from other equally necessary areas."

The proposals include plans for councils to charge owners who collect their dogs from detention and the Government will review powers to make by-laws relating to dog fouling, dog bans and dog leads. It hopes to include the proposals in the Environmental Protection Bill in the next parliamentary session.

The proposals were announced as a law cracking down on dangerous dogs and their owners received the Royal Assent. The Dangerous Dogs Act 1989 comes into force on August 27. It gives courts new powers to confiscate and order the destruction of a dangerous dog, to impose fines and to disqualify people from keeping a dog.

Property predictions

House prices will not rise until 1991

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

House prices are unlikely to start rising again until 1991, according to Black Horse Relocation, which published its annual report on the housing market yesterday.

The announcement came as the Building Societies Association announced that 70 per cent of householders will own their homes in the next five years, largely as a result of council house sales.

The relocation firm says that until then houses will be devalued by inflation. Basing its predictions on 8-10 per cent inflation rate this year and about 7 per cent next year, it concludes that there will be 15 per cent devaluation over the next two years, even if house prices do not fall nominally. For a house valued at £100,000, this is a fall of £15,000 or £620 a month.

The figures were compiled for the relocation firm, part of Lloyds Abbey Life, by CES, an independent urban research centre. The statistics show that the property boom peaked in 1988, after which prices in London and the South-east began to fall. Prices in the Midlands peaked in the second quarter of 1989, while prices in the North and Scotland are expected to continuing rising for several months.

The firm's conclusions concur with a prediction in the quarterly journal of the Council of Morigage Lenders, which states that there are few signs of a significant pick-up in housing market activity and prices before the end of 1990 at the earliest. However, it predicts that by 1991 the regional house price gap will have narrowed to its closest point.

Meanwhile, an article published today in *Housing Finance* by Mr Mark Boleat, director-general of the Building Societies Association, forecasts that 70 per cent of householders will own their homes in the next five years.

He says demand among local authority tenants to purchase their homes has increased sharply in the past two or three years, and quotes market research evidence which this year established that 40 per cent of tenants were either very or quite interested in buying their homes. He suggests that the increase is due to more generous government discounts and also the "demonstration effect".

"Local authority tenants have seen their friends, neighbours and relatives purchase their homes and then experience a rapid increase in their personal wealth from the accumulation of equity in their home which in some cases they may have realized."

● House sellers are having to reduce the asking price by between 15 and 20 per cent to attract buyers, the Woolwich Building Society says in its latest house price guide. However, it adds that house prices in the North of England and Scotland continued to rise in the past six months. During that period Nottingham experienced the greatest average annual increase with a rise of 25.8 per cent.

Beyond the North/South Divide — 1989 (Black Horse Relocation, 59-60 Thames Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1TX).

Housing Finance (Mortgage Communications, 3, Savile Row, London W1X 1AF; £7.50).

PORTFOLIO BOND

Six winners shared the £2,000 Times Portfolio Bond yesterday. They were Mrs W Bincent, of Yeovil, Somerset; Mr M Scott, of London; Miss D Stokes, of Ledbury, Hertfordshire; Mrs M Walker, of Stroud, Gloucestershire; Mr R McLaren, of Oxshott, Surrey; and Colonel J W Chown, of Lewes, East Sussex.

Two people redeemed their bonds. They were Mr R Woods, of Kettering, Northamptonshire (£100), and Mr R Elliot, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire (£1,000).

Whooping cough warning to parents

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Parents were urged yesterday to immunize their children against whooping cough as Britain faces its worst outbreak for four years.

At the same time, health experts said the death of a boy aged 11 from encephalitis was unlikely to have been connected to the vaccination against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) which he had received two weeks previously.

About 240 cases of whooping cough a week are being reported by doctors, twice the level of a few months ago, and one infant died of the condition last month.

In the last epidemic in 1986, 35,506 children were affected. Uptake of the vaccine in Britain is only 73 per cent, compared with the target of 90 per cent which the World Health Organization wants industrialized countries to achieve by next year.

The Department of Health said yesterday: "We expect to see a surge of cases of the illness in the autumn and we advise parents to have their children immunized."

Dr June Tunstall, director of public health for Mersey Regional Health Authority, said: "These outbreaks occur in four-yearly cycles and we have been warning the public that there will be a large increase in cases from about now. Many parents are responding by having their children immunized and it is not too late for others to do the same. The epidemic is likely to last six months."

The low acceptance of whooping cough vaccine is due largely to public concern in the early 1970s that it carried a small risk of brain damage.

Fears that the MMR triple vaccine had led to the death of Robert Bennison, of Clacton, Essex, were allayed after an investigation of the case by the Department of Health and a team of medical experts.

The batch of the vaccine used in the boy's case has been withdrawn by North East Essex Health Authority, but the department said careful scrutiny had shown it to be "entirely satisfactory".

The experts' advice was that there was no need to withdraw the batch elsewhere in the country. The MMR vaccine is known on very rare occasions to be followed by mild encephalitis, inflammation of the brain, from which complete recovery normally occurs.

"Such rare cases must be seen against the background of some 15 children dying each year from complications due to natural measles and mumps," the Department said.

Toll rises in latest salmonella scare

By Peter Davenport

Four more cases of salmonella poisoning were reported in the latest outbreak in the North-west yesterday, as health officials issued a warning that it could spread to other parts of the country.

The number of probable or confirmed cases in the Mersey health authority region rose to 30 last night.

Two of the cases, which have been linked to turkey products from an unnamed firm in Widnes, Cheshire, were reported from North Wales.

Mr Ray Jones, environmental health manager for Halton Borough Council, said further investigations into the cause and extent of the outbreak were under way.

Checks were also being made in the North-east last night. Retailers in Middlesbrough and Sunderland receive meat from the supplier suspected to be the source of the outbreak.

The cooked turkey is sold without brand name or under the name of the local outlet. To check the spread of the outbreak, caused by the salmonella strain, *kedougou*, health officials issued a blanket warning, telling people who had bought cooked turkey in the region in the past few days not to eat it.

The warning brought complaints from other producers who feared their commercial interests would be affected, although their products were not under suspicion, because the warning did not specify outlets or brand names.

Environmental health officers were trying to draw up a specific list of outlets and brand names involved so that the warnings could be targeted directly.

Solicitor's clerk is cleared

A solicitor's clerk was cleared of encouraging a witness to commit perjury after a jury retired for five minutes at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr Robert Rudd, aged 70, was accused of trying to free a football hooligan by persuading a defence witness to lie in court. The jury quickly decided that he was telling the truth when he said he had not acted improperly.

Mr Rudd, a former court clerk at Ipswich Crown Court, smiled broadly as he walked free from the dock. He threw his arms around his wife who wept with relief.

Mr Rudd has been in the legal business for 50 years. He will now be able to continue with his job as a solicitor's clerk.

He made no comment and his solicitor said: "I am sure you understand. It has been a traumatic two years for him waiting for his trial."

The prosecution had alleged that Mr Rudd helped the witness change the most important part of his statement and urged him to commit perjury at Ipswich Crown Court.

Robin Southgate, the witness, lied but was caught out when a police video-film showed his story could not be true. As a result Wayne Fisk, aged 21, a football hooligan, was convicted of unlawful assembley and jailed.

Southgate was later also jailed when he admitted perjury. He told detectives Mr Rudd had put him up to it.

Mr Rudd, of Freeman Avenue, Henley, near Ipswich, was found not guilty to two charges of suborning Southgate to commit perjury.

Record bid for rare typewriter

A typewriter made in 1890 left Christie's auctioneer dumbfounded yesterday when he brought down the hammer at £9,900, the highest price ever paid for such an object.

The black enamelled instrument, decorated in gilt and complete with walnut carrying case, was made in Germany by Guhl & Harbeck. It was one of the most experimental of the period.

"It's rare and beautifully-made," Mr Christopher Proudfoot, who catalogued the sale of tools, models and scientific apparatus, said. "But we had no idea it would excite so much interest. Several people were very keen to have it".

SALEROOM

Jenny Gilbert

The published estimate was £1,500-£2,500, although an early English model had realized £5,500 at Christie's last year.

This version involves the typist swivelling a long arm around a toothed dial and slotting in the printing head at the appropriate letter. It appeared 20 years after the invention of the first recognizable typewriter.

Mr Proudfoot said: "Collectors of typewriters are fairly small in number, and most of them are in Germany, but they will pay almost anything for a rare model."

The £4,620 paid for a treadle sewing machine, made by Kimball & Morton in 1868, was also a record.

Good evening, this is the world at war

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Sue Lawley is to announce the outbreak of the Second World War as part of a season of programmes on BBC television and radio to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the start of the 1939 conflict.

She will briefly resume her role as newsreader and step back half a century to recreate on television the original 1939 radio news bulletins in the week leading up to the declaration of war on September 3, 1939.

The 15-minute programmes will be screened immediately after the 9pm news on BBC1, starting on August 28.

Ms Lawley, now best known as the presenter of Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs*, will also carry on the Second World War theme by having Dame Vera Lynn, the "forces' sweetheart", as her anniversary castaway. The programme will end with a recording of Neville Chamberlain's declaration of war repeated exactly 50 years after it was made.

Announcing the season of programmes yesterday, Mr Paul Fox, managing director of BBC Television, said: "It will be a time of sadness for many. For some it will bring a nostalgic smile, a memory of a small but personal part in history. For those born after the event, it will be a time to learn what happened and why."

Mr Fox said the BBC, which had its own important wartime role, hoped the programmes would reflect in an informative, thought-provoking and entertaining way some of the aspects of the global conflict that broke out one Sunday morning 50 years ago.

TV highlights in the series also include *The Road to War*, an eight-part documentary series in which Charles Wheeler, a BBC correspondent, uses new historical research to challenge established beliefs as to why the world went to war. John Thaw, the actor, stars on the anniversary day, September 3, as "Bomber" Harris in a drama about the controversial head of RAF Bomber Command, whose name will forever be linked with the devastation of Dresden. Robert Hardy plays Winston Churchill. There will be a season of classic war films and, on a lighter note, repeats of the *Dad's Army* series.

Simon Rattle will conduct a special performance of Britten's *Sinfonia Da Requiem* as part of the Proms season, and in another live broadcast, congregations in Coventry and Dresden will link up to remember and celebrate their cathedrals rising from the war-devastated remains of their cities.

Radio will also broadcast a collection of plays that were running in London's West End in September 1939, including Noel Coward's *This Happy Breed* and Emlyn Williams's *The Corn is Green*.

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SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT ON NHS REFORMS

MPs say rush could harm patients

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Government plans to press ahead with its proposed reforms of the National Health Service before costing systems are in place could jeopardize standards of care and result in a two-tier service, a Commons select committee says.

"The Government's plans literally cannot work for the interests of the patients until the necessary information is available to cost different treatments accurately," the all-party social services select committee report on the NHS White Paper, published yesterday, says.

The report, containing 85 recommendations, calls for a staged, cautious approach to the reforms with an extended timetable, backed by adequate resources. Controlled pilot studies should be set up for both self-governing hospitals and GP budget holders and a full internal market should be delayed until there is evidence of patient benefit.

While supporting the aims of the reforms, the report says there is not enough information available for anyone to know whether the Government's objectives will be achieved. "We remain convinced that experimentation and flexibility are required."

The community should be fully consulted over the reforms and local ballots should be held on self-governing hospitals. Extra money should be allocated to set up information and management systems, which should be over and above a 2 per cent real growth in resources each year over the next three years.

That, the committee argues, "would persuade the bulk of people working in the NHS" of the genuineness of the Government's intention to raise standards of care and would enable managers to concentrate on the business of developing the new systems.

Although the committee was divided on the merits of self-governing hospitals, it issues a warning that if treatments cannot be priced, the "taxpayer could be taken for a ride". Hospitals would be able to argue their income was too low and the Government would have to decide if it were willing to let some hospitals go to the wall. "As self-governing hospitals are a key part of the Government's programme, political reputations would be at stake. The hospitals would have ministers over a barrel." Directly managed hospitals could find themselves squeezed, resulting in a two-tier service, the committee says.

The committee's concern about the timetable for implementation springs from evidence in the United Kingdom and the United States about the time needed to set up costing systems and information needed to make the market work. "We are not convinced that sufficient information will be available early enough to implement the Government's timetable [April 1991]." The Government set up six pilot studies in England in 1986 as part of its resource management initiative, to test systems to price treatments.

Although the scheme was supposed to be evaluated in October 1989, the Government has already accelerated the pace of the programme by announcing that the full systems will be extended to 20 hospitals this year and to 260 hospitals by 1991. "Until a full evaluation of the six experimental sites is undertaken, it would be premature to attempt an assessment of the initiative," the report says.

The committee notes that although the six pilots were set up nearly three years ago, none of them can yet price treatments.

Social Services Committee. Eighth Report. Resourcing the National Health Service: The Government's Plans for the Future of the NHS (Stationery Office; £11.20).

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Prescription for caution: Sir David Price (left), Miss Ann Widdecombe and Mr Nicholas Winterton with their report.

Dissenters call public ballot ridiculous and unworkable

A damaging split in the committee's views, which has partly undermined the final report, is disclosed in the minority report from three Conservative MPs.

The report from Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Jerry Hayes and Miss Ann Widdecombe opposes the committee's recommendation that ballots be held on self-governing trusts and that formal pilots be set up for the key reforms. The proposal to ballot the local population "is as ludicrous as it is unworkable", the minority statement says. "It would divide communities and hospital staff. It would divert time and valuable resources to campaigns which would only divide communities."

The administrative consequences would be a nightmare, posing insoluble questions. "What would happen if the community voted for self-governing status and those views were not shared by NHS staff?" However, it does recommend that the Secretary of State be required to take into account community health councils' opinions.

The three Conservatives reject the notion of pilot studies but admit that it is important that adequate methods of costing and pricing be worked out before the thrust of the reforms are implemented. "However, we feel that setting up formal pilot studies would lead to the NHS being held as a hostage to fortune, not just to those who oppose the reforms, but any reforms at all," the minority report says. "In the long term this can only result in lengthening waiting lists and deterioration of patient care and would prevent a government from taking speedy remedial action." The MPs suggest a flexible timescale of implementation but say they are encouraged by remarks from Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, that GP budgets and self-governing hospitals will be "run in" and evolved.

"We have no fears that the implementation of resource management will be overhasty provided the Government takes stock of the evaluation expected in October 1989 and works in harmony with the profession."

The plan to allow GPs to manage their own budgets and buy hospital care is the most novel scheme in the White Paper and therefore likely to be the most difficult to implement, the committee said. It is doubtful whether the budgets can be worked out by 1991, when the first practice budgets are expected to start operating.

The committee recommends "conscious pilot projects" in a single region, possibly on a "shadow" basis before real money changes hands, so that the right formulas for calculating the level of GP budgets can be worked out.

"This would have the added advantage of enabling the new GP contract to come into effect and the interaction of the two novel systems of paying GPs to be properly worked out."

It suggests that indicative drug budgets should be carefully monitored to ensure that in no circumstances is the most suitable treatment withheld for budgetary reasons. The report recommends that patients should be fully informed about practice services and hours and suggests that names of doctors who refuse to take patients on when their lists are not full should be published in the Family Practitioner Committee's annual report.

"We recommend that doctors should actively seek the views of their patients on the different treatment and facility options available."

The committee strongly supports the White Paper's proposals on medical audit but accuses the Government of confusing this with value-for-money audit.

In addition, it calls for external regulatory inspection and says accreditation mechanisms should be established as well as a consumer audit of patients' health service experiences.

Under the Government's plans self-governing hospitals would opt out of health authority control, set their own pay rates and manage their own assets.

To ensure a "consumer orientated revolution", the first self-governing hospitals should be set up in districts where there is only one district general hospital and where the local population have shown their support through a ballot.

Community health councils should be formally consulted about any proposals for self-governing status and their comments should be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Health. The committee also suggests that a member of the district health authority where the hospital is located should be one of the non-executive directors of the hospital trust. Safeguards should be established to ensure that opted-out hospitals retain community links.

The report accuses the Government of rushing before basic accounting systems (the resource management initiative being piloted at six sites) have been fully developed or evaluated. "Unnecessary haste with one aspect of the planned changes may make it impossible for others, including the planned budget experiments to work."

The report recommends that the Government's plan to allow money to follow the patient should build on existing cross-charging for some services as soon as information on costs and outcome is available.

Some experiments should be carried out with GP budgets and then district health authorities should start buying services from self-governing hospitals and other providers "but not in a way which prevents doctors from placing patients in a hospital of their choice". It calls for a national policy on which services should be provided locally but says districts could diverge from this if they make out a good case to the management executive. It insists, too, that all contracts made with hospitals should specify quality standards which should be made available to GPs and the general public.

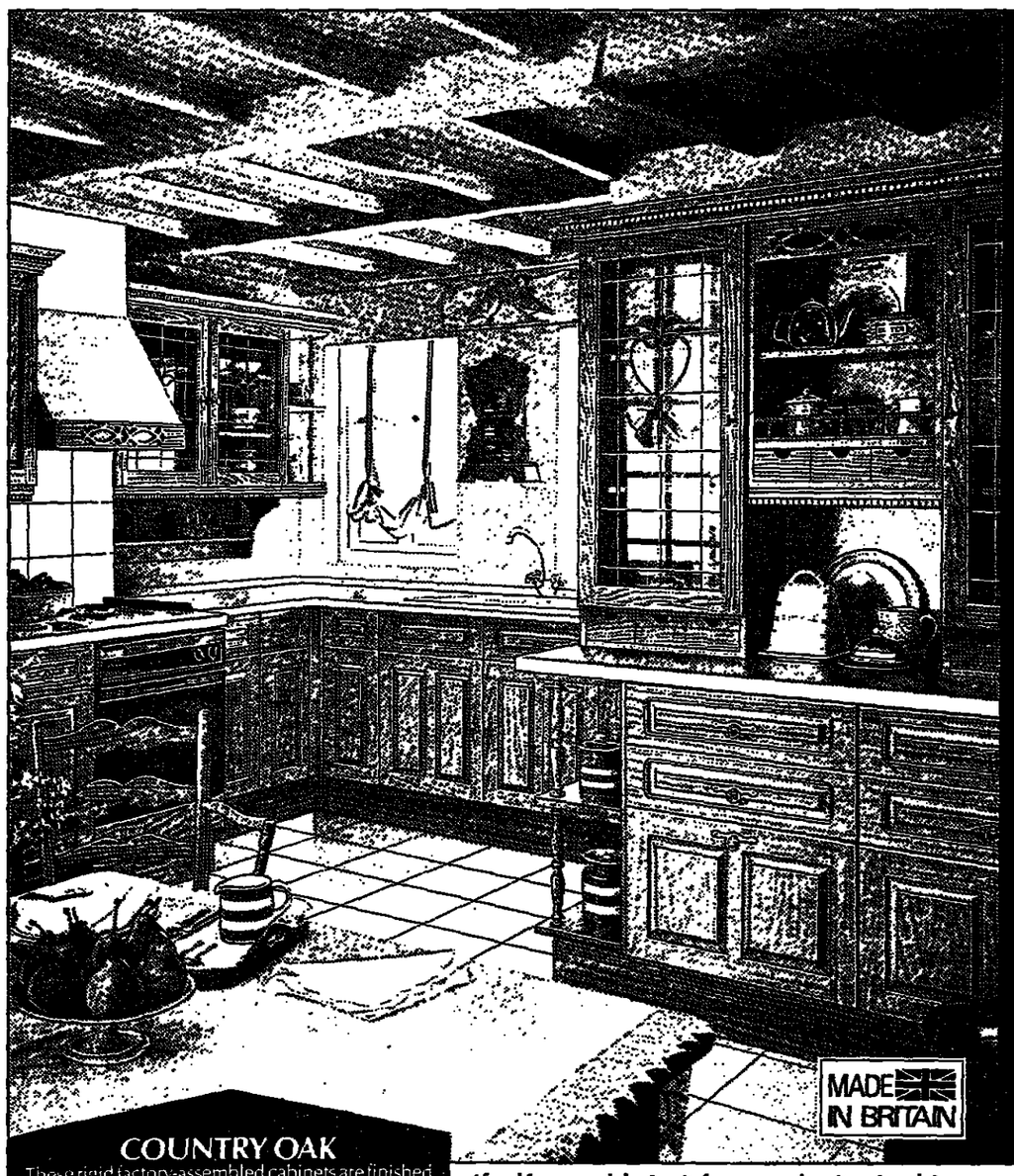
Districts should take account of travel costs for patients and their relatives when they negotiate contracts. They should consider safeguarding accessibility to patients.

To underline the principle of one chain of command, a single National Health Service board should be set up, combining the newly set-up policy board and management executive, the committee says.

Its members should include health ministers, all 14 regional chairmen, the chief executive, both the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Nursing Officer and some of the present members of the two existing boards. Day-to-day management could be delegated to a management committee. In addition, the report recommends that the existing policy board draws up a statement of health service priorities and their relative importance.

The committee suggests that if GP practice budgets go ahead, the budgets should be set at the Family Practitioner Committee level rather than by regional health authorities, which it considers unnecessarily bureaucratic.

It recommends, too, that the Government goes ahead with amalgamating district health authorities and family practitioner committees.



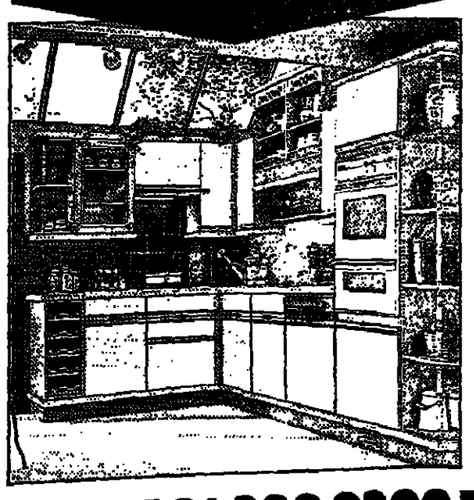
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Secrecy worry at immigrant centres

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Secrecy shrouds private-sector involvement in the management of immigration service detention centres, a Howard League for Penal Reform report says today.

The nature of commercial tendering ensures that the Home Office relationship with Group 4, the security firm, remains closed to public scrutiny. Consequently, the management of immigrant detention may be open to possible abuse by a cost-cutting Government and a profit-making company, the report says.

Group 4 Total Security Ltd employs guards at Harmondsworth detention centre and holding stations at Heathrow and Gatwick. Group 4 has total control over the domestic management of the detention centres, while the task of the immigration service is to supervise that management. Dr Penny Green, a research fellow at the London School of Economics, alleges in the report that some guards used the potential transfer to a prison establishment "as a means of silencing complaints against the guards and their general treatment of detainees".

The complaints procedure is far from satisfactory, the report says. No formal procedure exists for a detainee to make a complaint about his or her conditions or treatment.

The screening of guards to be employed under the immigration service is entirely in the hands of Group 4; the immigration service has no vetting role

Weekend food prices

Fish prices rise, but lamb and beef cuts fall

A shortage of cod has forced prices up to about £3.40 a lb for fillet and £3.20 for steaks. Haddock is, unusually, more affordable at £2.95 a lb for fillets. Plaice is excellent value at £3.20 a lb for 6-10oz fillets.

Herrings are available once again at less than £1 a lb and although mackeral is becoming easier to find, it is not top quality. Sardines, however, are excellent quality at £1.25-£1.40 a lb. Tuna is a good buy with loin steaks at about £4.50 a lb. Beef and lamb cuts are also better value this week.

Asda is selling whole and half legs of lamb at £1.45 a lb, home-produced shoulder of lamb is 95p a lb and a 5lb pack of frozen chicken quarters is £2.99. Sainsbury whole leg of lamb is £1.44 a lb, fresh pork boneless loin chops are £1.98 and fresh beef rump steak is £3.28 a lb. Presto fresh British pork chops are £1.48 a lb, braising shoulder steak is £1.68 a lb and a 4lb pack of chicken frozen breast and thigh portions costs £2.99.

Safeway packs of two fresh quails are £1.99, with braising shoulder steak at £1.68 a lb and frozen minced beef at £2.82 for a 3lb pack. Tesco fresh minced beef is £1.08 a lb, fresh braising steak is £1.68 a lb and fresh basted chicken is 79p a lb. Dewhurst whole British lamb costs 89p a lb and English lamb shoulder chops are £2.29 a lb. Two lemon chicken breasts are £1.79 at Iceland and Bejam Iceland.

Melons are 60p-£1.70 each, grapes are 50p-£1.60 a lb, and plums are 45-70p a lb, but strawberries are the best buy at 40-80p a ½lb.

History lessons to focus on Britain, MacGregor says

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

The study of Britain's past will occupy most school history lessons under the new national curriculum, Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said yesterday.

In his second major pronouncement this week on the state school curriculum, Mr MacGregor said proposals to devote less than half of history lessons to British history did not go far enough.

Publishing the interim report of the national curriculum history working group, he said history teachers should return to the job of imparting historical knowledge about "dates, events and people".

The 120-page report – the blueprint for history teaching under the new curriculum – urges schools to concentrate on giving pupils an interesting, unbiased view of the past.

Although he endorsed much of the report, Mr MacGregor said that for secondary school pupils the emphasis should be on learning about the history of their own country.

Commander Michael Saunders Watson, the working group's chairman, said he did not regard Mr MacGregor's comments as a rebuff for his report. "Without very much alteration we can accommodate his ideas.

"Overall our present plans should provide a 60 per cent weighting to British history. What the Secretary of State is saying is that he would like us to make the emphasis somewhat stronger and we will do that."

The report says British history should be the "core" of the history curriculum but schools should also devote time to European and world history. In addition, it proposes building in "study units" based on themes such as "castles and cathedrals" that will run across "the broad sweep of history".

Schools will retain the right to develop their own approaches through school-designed themes, although they will form only a minor part of the history curriculum.

The working group criticizes present wide variations in the quality of history teaching, which it describes as "indefensible". It says: "There is a need to ensure that all pupils receive the best possible teaching in history and that much less is left to chance than has recently been the case." It emphasizes the importance of teaching history chronologically.

In a letter to Commander Saunders Watson, Mr MacGregor endorsed the call for a chronological approach. "I think that this is essential if pupils are to gain a proper grasp of the chronological map," he said.

The report says the first purpose of history-teaching should be to give pupils a sense of identity.

The working party emphasizes the importance of history as a means of introducing moral values. The subject should support the values of democratic society, encouraging open-mindedness and objectivity. "History should equip young people to benefit from the rights and exercise the responsibilities of citizens in a representative democracy," it says.

On the question of empathy – the process by which pupils are invited to put themselves in the place of people in the past – the report says it has a role to play if used in a disciplined way.

The report urges schools to make greater use of museums and historic buildings to bring history alive for children. Historical novels, television programmes and films also have a part to play.

The working party recommends that between the ages of five and seven children should be introduced to the past and encouraged to answer such questions as "Who am I?"

Between the ages of seven and 11 the report says teaching should become more formal, with pupils studying British history in the period up to the Norman Conquest; the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; Victorian Britain and twentieth-century Britain; Egypt and Greece; fifteenth-century exploration; and the American frontier.

The curriculum will also include a choice of projects on farming, seafarers, buildings, transport and domestic life.

Between the 11 and 14, pupils should study medieval Britain; the making of the United Kingdom between 1536-1870; expansion, trade and industry, 1700-1860; the Roman Empire; Islam and the Arabs; the American Revolution; Russia and the Soviet Union, 1917-1945.

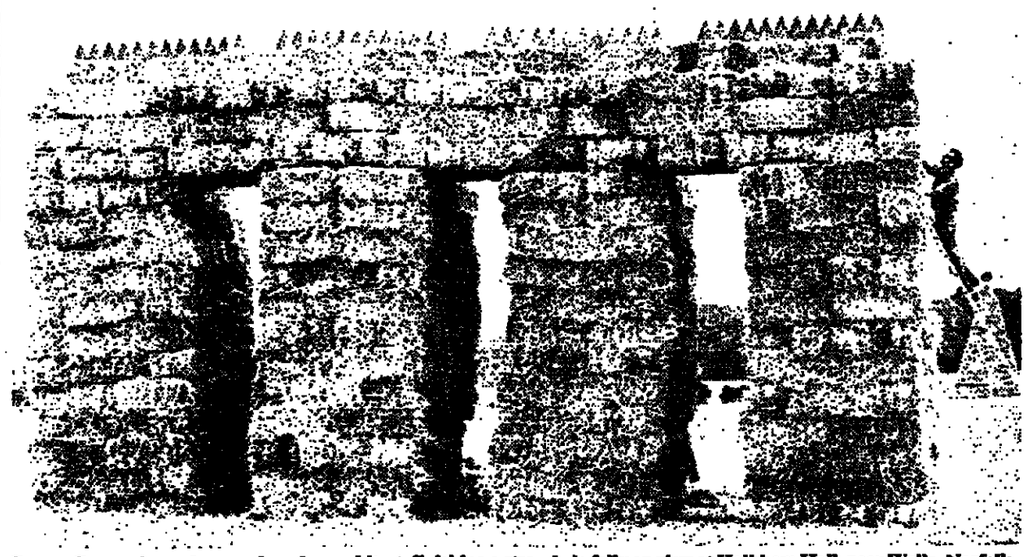
Schools would be offered a choice of projects including castles and cathedrals, the French Revolution, classical China, Japan, the Renaissance and India from 1550 to 1850.

From the age of 14 to 16 pupils would concentrate on the present century, studying Britain, the US, Europe, Africa, India and China, with projects on the influence of Greek culture and energy.

Mr MacGregor has given the working group until Christmas to produce detailed proposals.

'Strawhenge' tribute to farming

BRYN COLTON



George Carter, the sculptor and garden architect, finishing a straw bale folly on view at Holkham Hall, near Wells, Norfolk, until August 28. The folly, one of a series of pastoral artworks, has been built to celebrate British Food and Farming Year.

Twin breakthroughs on heart disease

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

A moving picture show of the human heart could be used as an early warning test to help prevent cardiovascular disease, doctors said yesterday.

The images of the beating heart are produced on a television screen with a high technology diagnostic device called a magnetic resonance scanner.

Researchers at the National Heart and Chest Hospitals, London, used the equipment to discover a link between the elasticity of the aorta, the great arterial trunk leaving the heart, and the onset of coronary heart disease.

In a £2 million project funded by Corda, the heart charity, they have also found a method of analysing atheroma, the damaged tissue in blood vessels, to determine the stage of the disease.

The doctors hope that the findings can be applied to a mass screening exercise in which people can see pictures of their own heart, and if damage is shown, be given expert advice.

Portable scanners may be installed in buses and taken into the community to offer on-the-spot assessments.

"This is the most powerful and accurate diagnostic instrument yet conceived," Professor Donald Longmore, director of the Corda project, said yesterday. "It has a great role to play in the early detection of heart disease."

Call to abandon a 'sterile' debate

The chairman of the national curriculum history working group yesterday urged teachers to abandon their "sterile debate" over the subject and to get down to making history come alive for pupils (Douglas Broom writes).

Speaking from his home at Rockingham Castle, Leicestershire, Commander Michael Saunders Watson said that in some schools the subject had been abandoned.

"Some of the teaching in some schools is very poor indeed. In some schools the subject is not taught at all, in others it has become degraded and unpopular," he said. Debates over the role of "empathy" and between proponents of "new" and "traditional" history had become "quite sterile"; the time had come for a new approach.

"We make no apology for embarking on a totally new tack," he said. "It is going to throw down quite a big challenge to the teaching profession. But I have been immensely impressed at the quality of some of the teaching that is going on; I am confident they will respond well."

He rejected suggestions that the new curriculum should have included specific units on the history of the main ethnic groups in modern Britain.

"I am very excited by our multi-cultural society but I believe very firmly that the ethnic groups that have adopted Britain as their national country should be taught about the history of Britain.

"I think you will find that is what parents from the ethnic communities want. They should have the same British history as everybody else because they are, after all, British people."



Commander Saunders Watson: Changing tack.

Poor children pass fewer examinations

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

Children from poor and deprived backgrounds will on average get three fewer O grades, the Scottish equivalent of O levels, than those from better-off neighbourhoods however hard schools try to offset the pupils' disadvantages.

Research by the Centre for Educational Sociology at Edinburgh University shows that children from poor neighbourhoods will fail three O grades that pupils of the same ability from richer areas will pass.

Dr Catherine Garner, who will present her findings to an international education conference in Edinburgh on Sunday, said yesterday: "This is the first time we have been able to prove empirically that children are affected by where they live – no matter how good the school they attend."

Drawing her conclusions from a study of pupils in one Scottish education authority who left school between 1984 and 1986, she said that "policies to alleviate educational disadvantage cannot be focused solely on schooling but must form part of a broader remit to tackle social deprivation in society at large".

Children in England and Wales no longer take O levels, which have been replaced by the GCSE.

● The Labour-controlled Birmingham City Council is planning to abolish a no-redundancy agreement with the city's teachers because of an expected surplus when local school management is introduced in September next year.

Hiring and firing will then be the responsibility of school governors and the council says it will be impossible to find alternative jobs for teachers in over-staffed schools.

Mr Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that while the union would co-operate, "we see no compulsory redundancies as the bottom line".

'Free higher education should be abolished'

The Government should abolish free higher education and charge students the full cost of their education, the right-wing Institute of Economic Affairs said yesterday (Sam Kiley writes).

Mr Stewart Sexton, director of the institute's education unit, said students would be able to meet the cost with government and industry bursaries, loans and their own resources. He made his comments in a report on a private conference of university vice-chancellors, academics and government officials.

Those presenting papers included Sir Graham Hills, vice-chancellor of Strathclyde University, and Professor Anthony Kelly, vice-chancellor of Surrey University, and their ideas have been sent to Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

The institute argues that universities should be able to charge the full cost of educating undergraduates, which would then be financed through "bursaries" or "vouchers", in three or four bands depending on the cost of the courses.

Vice-chancellors could then boost their budgets by charging supplementary fees for popular courses. Students would meet these using government loans, industrial sponsorship or parental contributions.

The delegates agreed that "top-up" loans for maintenance and fees would be "forgivable" if students pursued careers in areas of shortage.

Mr Robert Jackson, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, has already written similar papers leaked to the Labour party last year. He is also reported to have said that he would like to see universities "go it alone" by charging fees.

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Pakistan may clear path for US-Iran hostage deal

By Christopher Walker in Nicosia and Anatol Lieven in Islamabad

A semi-official Tehran newspaper close to President Rafsanjani reported that indirect talks between Iran and the United States were expected to open "within days" in a new attempt to resolve the Lebanese hostage crisis.

The report on Wednesday, which indicated that Pakistan has superseded Algeria as the main international go-between in the hostage drama, gave new momentum to the crisis. Western experts said its timing, shortly before President Rafsanjani is to announce the new inner Cabinet, indicated that the pragmatic wing of the new leadership still appeared to be holding out against hardliners opposed to bargaining with the US over the hostages.

In Islamabad, Pakistani Foreign Ministry officials have been tight-lipped on reports that Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, the Foreign Minister, is to play a central role in negotiations to end the crisis. Sahabzada Yaqub is to visit Iran next Wednesday. The American Embassy in Islamabad was also unable to comment yesterday on the reports reaching Islamabad from Tehran.

"The Foreign Minister is going to discuss various issues, including that of the hostages," a Pakistani diplomat said. "He will be one of the parties trying to find a solution. It is not the first time that we have tried to see what we could do over this issue, but we have no specific proposals and we do not expect to act as a go-between." There was no immediate confirmation of the report from American or Pakistani officials.

But earlier Mr Stansfield Turner, a former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, said in the US: "All political personalities in the United States must say they will not negotiate with terrorists, but the hard facts are that they will."

Diplomats following the hostage crisis predicted that, even if the talks did open soon, they could drag on for weeks or months because the issues at stake are so complex.

"Political observers ... believe that in the next few days, we should expect certain moves towards mediation, of course unofficially," an editorial in the influential *Tehran Times* said. "These observers give the best chance to the Pakistani Foreign Minister." The paper did not indicate where or exactly when the talks would be held. The editorial was given wide publicity by Irna, the official Iranian news agency.



President Rafsanjani: May talk to the White House.

Arab observers said that Sahabzada Yaqub appeared a suitable choice because he was well-known to the White House as a result of US-Pakistani liaison over the Afghan conflict. Pakistan is Washington's closest ally in the region and its third largest aid recipient.

The observers said that from Iran's point of view, the Pakistan Foreign Minister had already proved his credentials to Tehran last March when he secured Iran's participation in an Islamic Conference Organization meeting in Saudi Arabia and subsequently passed a tough motion of condemnation against the British author, Salman Rushdie.

During his visit to Tehran next Wednesday, Sahabzada Yaqub will hold wide-ranging talks, particularly on regional issues such as Afghanistan, according to Pakistan's national news agency.

Two days earlier Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister and another member of the pragmatic camp, is due for talks in Syria.

Reports from Lebanon said he would meet with members of Hezbollah, the extreme Shia Muslim group, during his stay in Damascus. The report suggested that no more threats against the lives of Western hostages would be made until those meetings took place.

Yesterday's *Tehran Times*, which has become one of Iran's main vehicles for bargaining in the present crisis, quoted an aide to President Rafsanjani as expressing surprise over the official US rejection of the suggestion that Washington release frozen Iranian assets in return for help in freeing the hostages. The offer was reported by the paper earlier.

Many Western observers still believe a solution to the crisis will be found only if a form of words can be drawn up for unfreezing the assets impounded in 1979, while at the same time not directly linking such a move to any mass hostage release.

"I would guess that if the third party talks do get under way next week, the question of the assets will be central," a European diplomat said.

The Iranian paper stated on Wednesday: "No one takes very seriously the US rejection of a money-for-hostages deal because it is an American tradition to carry out certain strategic policies in secret."

The diplomat said Washington was aware that by releasing the assets, which the paper claimed had been frozen illegally, the US could recover to some extent from damage to American prestige in the legal community.

"This will also, no doubt, be interpreted as a step towards reduction of American enmity towards Iran (and) a major step towards the normalization of relations," the editorial concluded.

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Mexican search for crash victims



Mexican rescue workers searching for trapped passengers yesterday in the wreckage of a derailed train which plunged into the rain-swollen San Rafael de Bamoa river between the villages of Guasave and Guamuchil, Sinaloa state, on Wednesday, killing more than 100 people. The Sinaloa state security coordinator, Señor José Carlos de Saracho, said 103 bodies had been recovered near the wreckage site, 800 miles north-west of Mexico City, when rescue work was held up by bad weather.

"We could see we were approaching a river and the next thing we knew the train was upside down in a field," said Señor Refugio Santiago Ramírez, one of a dozen passengers who survived uninjured. At least 80 more passengers were seriously injured and about 100 were missing, Señor Saracho said. President Carlos Salinas de Gortari voiced his regret over the accident and ordered Mexico's National Railway Company to pay for the funerals of the victims.

Rescue work was hampered by flooding which blocked road access to the scene of the accident. At least 200 families have been made homeless by the floods in the nearby village of San Rafael. The train was covering the Pacific route between Guadalajara and Mexicali on the US border. Some of the survivors took refuge in trees standing in swollen river waters and were rescued by helicopter. About 400 people were engaged in rescue work, including troops. Injured survivors were treated in temporary medical centres in Guasave and Guamuchil. Rescue workers were forced to carry stretchers two miles to the nearest access point for ambulances.

Governor Francisco Labastida Ochoa of Sinaloa state said it was impossible to determine yet the exact number of victims because of the difficult conditions. There was no firm total available for the passengers on the train.

Captive praises Khomeini verse

From Christopher Walker, Nicosia

The poetic skills of the late Ayatollah Khomeini received unexpected praise this week from a British businessman and nephew of the poet Robert Graves who has been held in jail in Iran for nearly four years on spying charges.

In an article in the semi-official *Tehran Times*, Mr Roger Cooper, a fluent speaker of Farsi, described Iran's former leader as an accomplished poet after analysing and translating *Awakening*, one of 12 poems published since Khomeini's death.

Mr Cooper's literary judgements were published at a crucial time when long-suffering members of his family have been hoping that the flurry of diplomatic activity around the Lebanese hostages may assist their tireless campaign to secure his freedom.

The unlikely emergence of Khomeini as a skilled and sensitive lyrical poet has surprised many Iranians. Over the past two months, his poems have suddenly emerged as the hottest items on the literary pages of magazines and 200,000 copies of a booklet containing eight of them have been published. A larger collection is being prepared.

In February Iran's Intelligence Minister, Mr Mohammad Mohammad Reyshahri, said that Mr Cooper had been given a "heavy sentence" but that the judiciary were still mulling a final judgement. Western sources saw yesterday's literary praise as offering a glimmer of hope that his case may eventually be resolved.

Irna, the official news agency, quoted the alleged British spy (whose innocence has always been maintained by Whitehall and his family) as telling the *Tehran Times*: "The skill with which the author has handled the rhythms of the 14-line *ghazal* with its technically difficult quantitative meter ... reveals a sophisticated literary talent.

"Since the overall quality of this *ghazal* is high, we must assume that the imam was an accomplished poet and that this was not a flash in the pan."

Mr Cooper, who lived in Iran for 20 years before the revolution and was a talented journalist, revealed that in translating the poem he used "pseudo-Shakespearean rhyming" familiar to the Western ear and added five extra lines to convey meaning. "Even then," he said, "the jewel-like precision of ideas and images that characterize the original could not be achieved in translation."

The *Tehran Times*, regarded as the mouthpiece of the newly elected President Rafsanjani, said mysteriously that Mr Cooper's critique "reached us after slicing by the prison censor at Evin (the jail north of Tehran) where the author is now incarcerated, or by some other way."

Mr Cooper was working for an oil company when he was arrested in November, 1985, and was reported to have last received a consular visit by an official of the Swedish Embassy in Iran on April 5 this year. His brother, Paul, has also visited him in jail. He is understood to have high hopes that the recent change in Iran's leadership will help to secure his release.

In a note, the editor of the *Tehran Times* said Mr Cooper's critique and translation bore the stamp of a highly brilliant, gifted and inspired poet and scholar.

In his article, Mr Cooper explained that the imam's *ghazal* was a spiritual poem, addressed primarily to God, describing parts of his mystic path towards spiritual union with the Creator.

He said the metaphorical nature of this kind of poetry – in which "wine" stands for mystic intoxication and "tavern" means a *sufi* centre, for example – had not always been appreciated by non-Iranians. This was because the minority of Persian poets, including the best-known of all, Omar Khayyam, used terms such as "wine" and "beautiful slaves" in their literal sense.

Two-year experiment with freedom

Israel drops stage censorship

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

"We are all grown up now," Gila Almagor, one of Israel's best-known actresses, declared this week as stage censorship was suspended in Israel for a probationary period of two years. "We can manage very nicely without the censor. Censorship in a democracy is a disgrace."

The whole of Israel can, in a sense, be described as a theatre. Israeli national life is not exactly lacking in drama, as the current hostage crisis demonstrates once again.

But Israeli theatre plays a vital role in public discussion of the problems the Jewish state faces both within its own borders and in confronting the outside world. After a nine-year struggle to be allowed to stage dramas without censorship – in theatre or film – campaigners this week celebrated a partial victory.

Israel's censorship laws date back to the British mandate in Palestine. The Palestine Film and Theatre Board, founded in 1927 to ensure good taste and high morals in both Arabic and Jewish performances, was taken over by Israel in 1948.

It has not been abolished, but its powers were this week suspended, leaving the courts as the arbiters of taste. In future, any Israeli who finds a performance offensive can go to court in a bid to have the play stopped. The censor's powers to ban films remain intact for the time being.

The range of opinion and sensibility which stands to be offended in Israel is certainly very broad. Quite apart from sexual standards, plays dealing with the dilemmas facing the Israeli Army in its operation to suppress the Palestinian uprising are extremely sensitive.

In addition, the rise of the ultra-religious parties has given the Hassidic community a new platform from which to assail performances deemed to be against the spirit of Judaism.

There was uproar in the centre of Jerusalem recently, for example, when a group of ultra-Orthodox Jews, in their black hats and ringlets, attacked a troupe of street entertainers during a theatre festival in which props included a giant male organ. And Jerusalem's Chief Rabbi is currently seeking a ban on belly dancing in "kosher" places of entertainment.

None the less Mr Arye Deri, the Interior Minister, who himself belongs to the ultra-Orthodox Shas party, has approved the provisional lifting of censorship following the passage through the Knesset of a private member's Bill. Mr Moscu Alcalay, head of the Israeli actors' union, maintains that Israelis are "mature enough to choose the plays they want to see".

Some leading figures in the theatre world, such as Shmuel Hasfari, the playwright, fear that theatre managers will find the new regime more oppressive because of the danger of private prosecution. They are concerned managements will "play safe".

But the actors and actresses who celebrated with an all-night reading of previously banned poetry and drama disagree. "The Supreme Court is on our side," one said. "It has been overturning the censorship board's rulings for some time anyway."

In one celebrated recent case, the Supreme Court reversed a ban on the play *Ephraim Goes Back to the Army* by Yitzhak Laor, which compared Israel's occupation of Arab lands to Nazi practices, saying it did not threaten state security.

Contras seek US asylum

From James Bone
New York

Nine top military officers of the Nicaraguan Contra rebels, including the chief of staff, have requested political asylum in the United States after this week's Central American peace accord.

Señor Israel Galeano, the rebel chief of staff known as Comandante Franklin, said the nine, who filed their applications for asylum in Miami on Wednesday, did not plan to move to the United States and sought nothing more than "travel documents".

"Some of us have the need right now to mobilize in the international field," he told a Miami newspaper two days after the five Central American Presidents agreed to disband the Contras within four months.

Three of the officers were given asylum immediately.

● SAN JOSÉ: President Gorbachov of the Soviet Union promised President Arias of Costa Rica that arms shipments to Nicaragua have been suspended in order to "contribute to the creation of peace" in Central America, Soviet parliamentary leaders said yesterday (Our Correspondent writes).

After a one-hour meeting with Dr Arias, prime promoter of the Central American peace plan, Mr Aleksandr Mokanu, vice-president of the Supreme Soviet, said that he had carried the promise from President Gorbachov to President Arias.

Mr Mokanu said the changed Soviet position was a result of advances made in the regional peace process.

Last March President Gorbachov refused a request from Dr Arias to cut arms to the Sandinistas unless the United States suspended arms shipments to its main allies in Central America, El Salvador and Honduras.

Watershed in Soviet economic thinking

Farmers given hard-currency incentive

By Mary Dejevsky

The Soviet Government has announced that it will bow to pressure from the newly established lay Committee for Agrarian Issues and pay collective farmers partially in hard currency.

The move, the brainchild of one of the country's most innovative economists, is designed to increase domestic agricultural output and in the longer term reduce hard-currency debts by cutting grain purchases from abroad.

Starting this autumn, farmers will be paid in foreign currency for any wheat production which exceeds the average annual production levels attained in the years 1981-1985. Other produce, including peas, oil-bearing seeds and lupin, will also qualify for hard-currency payment if it exceeds average annual production between 1986 and 1988.

Until now, Soviet farmers have been paid agreed prices in roubles. The Soviet grain harvest has consistently failed to reach the planned levels in recent years, necessitating imports from the United States and other countries amounting to more than 39 million tonnes in the year to June, 1989.

The decision is believed to have provoked dissension within the leadership. It marks an ideological watershed in Soviet economic thinking because it implicitly acknowledges the weakness of the Soviet rouble even as a domestic currency. Even though it is illegal for individual citizens to hold foreign currency, dollars are increasingly sought after for black market purchases of consumer durables, like video recorders and personal computers, and luxury goods.

While the present hard-currency incentives will apply only to state and collective farms and are for an experimental term of two years (1989-1990), the agriculture committee has been entrusted with looking into the possibility of extending the arrangement to farmers who will lease farms under the new system, which permits the leasing of land for a period of up to 50 years.

The idea of paying Soviet farmers partially in hard currency originated with Professor Nikolai Shmelyov, who floated it in February before the Central Committee plenum on agriculture.

He argued that the Soviet Union was spending huge sums in hard currency on wheat imports which were needed only because domestic production was so poor. Soviet farmers, he said, would be happy to produce extra wheat for far less hard currency than it currently cost to import wheat from abroad.

He proposed that two birds could thus be killed with one stone: agricultural production could be increased and the country's hard-currency deficit reduced. His ideas did not figure in the deliberations of the Communist Party Central Committee plenum in the spring, when resolutions were adopted which smacked of compromise between those who wanted to retain the system of collective and state farms and those who favoured a greater private element in farming.

Professor Shmelyov repeated his ideas at the inaugural meeting of the Congress of People's Deputies in early June, and they were then taken up by members of the Congress's newly established Committee on Agrarian Issues. The committee drafted a proposal along the professor's lines, designed "to stop our farmers working as farm labourers for the USA," which was submitted to the Council of Ministers. At the closing session of the Supreme Soviet last week, the chairman of the Soviet State Planning Committee, Mr Yuri Maslyukov, was questioned about what had happened to the agrarian committee's draft which had been submitted the best part of two weeks earlier.

Mr Maslyukov replied that options were being discussed, but that no final decision had been taken.

Yesterday's announcement, in the form of a government resolution, means that a decision has now been taken and that it has gone in favour of the reform lobby.

It may be significant that the proposal was not apparently considered at any point by the Communist Party apparatus, where it might have been blocked by the conservative chairman of the party's Agriculture Commission, Mr Yegor Ligachov, and his like-minded deputy, Mr Viktor Nikonov.

Solomon's judgement cited in embryo case

From Nicholas Beeston, Maryville, Tennessee

A Tennessee woman disputing the custody of seven frozen embryos with her former husband was told by an eminent French geneticist yesterday that she has a right to rescue her fertilized eggs from their laboratory "concentration camp" and bear them in the "temple of her womb".

Before a spellbound and sometimes bewildered court here, Dr Jérome Lejeune, an award-winning scientist, testified that the embryos were not property to be haggled over but the beginning of life. He had flown from Paris to give evidence for Mrs Mary Sue Davis, aged 28, who is fighting her ex-husband, Mr Junior Davis, aged 30, for custody of the embryos.

Mrs Davis wants to be artificially inseminated with the embryos, but Mr Davis claims they are half his property and has challenged her in court because he does not want his children to be born.

Dr Lejeune, a member of the French Institute of Science and the Royal Society of Medicine, interspersed his technical genetic testimony with biblical references, likening the case to the Old Testament dispute over the parentage of a child in which King Solomon delivered his famous judgement.

He said he had agreed to come to Tennessee because he was moved by Mrs Davis's plight and her desire to rescue "these human beings" from their liquid-nitrogen storage.

His scientific evidence was important in establishing that fertilized eggs carry all the characteristics of the being they will become and are unlikely to survive more than three years in storage.

"I think we now have the proof that they are not spare parts, not commodities that we can freeze and defreeze at our will, they are not property that we can exchange against anything," he said.

The trial in Blount County Court was expected to close late yesterday and Judge Dale Young said he would take 30 days to consider his verdict.

The case has no legal precedent and there are no laws governing custody rights over disputed embryos. Both sides in the case have said they will appeal against the judge's decision.

Whatever the final outcome, the issues raised in Maryville are likely to have a profound worldwide effect on the future of *in vitro* fertilization using frozen embryos.

"We should have realized that this kind of issue was going to come up and (should have) tried to talk it through with each couple during the process to reach a decision in advance," Dr Glen Graber, a medical ethics expert, said.

One possible solution to the present dilemma may lie in the technical advances in the technique which raised the ethical question in the first place. This would involve separate freezing of sperm and unfertilized ova, giving infertile couples all the advantages of the cryo-preservation system without the moral problems of who "owns" the embryo.

Freezing human sperm is a straightforward process which has been successfully undertaken since the 1950s.

Ova, however, are considerably more delicate and can easily be damaged or destroyed in the freezing and thawing process.

Work has been conducted in France, West Germany, The Netherlands and Australia on improving the technique, and the first successful births from separately frozen sperm and ova were in Australia as many as three years ago.

In spite of this, experts in the United States predict that it could take another three to five years of research and funding before the same system is operational here. Until then, ethically charged cases such as Davis v Davis are likely to multiply.

WORLD ROUNDUP

DC10 lands as engine breaks up

Washington – A Northwest Airlines DC10 made an emergency landing at Denver, Colorado, yesterday after the tail engine began breaking up (Charles Bremner writes). A similar engine failure caused a rupture in control systems that led to the United Airlines DC10 crash at Sioux City last month, killing 111. The plane, carrying 256 people from Los Angeles to Minneapolis, landed safely. There was apparently no damage to the hydraulics, as occurred last month.

● Boston: A Boeing 727 jet carrying 56 people skidded to a halt with a spray of sparks and smoke yesterday in an emergency landing at Logan airport after its nose wheel failed to extend (AP reports). No injuries were reported.

Powell military chief



General Colin Powell, left, the son of Jamaican immigrants who was President Reagan's last National Security Adviser, was yesterday named first black Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the top US military post (Charles Bremner writes from Washington). General Powell, aged 52, is regarded as a military intellectual in the mould of Admiral William Crowe, the man he succeeds, and is expected to win Senate confirmation.

Antarctica accident

St Paul, Minnesota (AP) – Explorers crossing Antarctica with dog sleds have spent the past two days trying to salvage two of their three sleds, which were damaged when they crashed in a descent on the ice, a spokeswoman said. The international team led by Mr Will Steger tore down both damaged sleds and rebuilt them into a full-sized sled and a half-sized one. The six-member group from the US, Britain, France, the Soviet Union, Japan and China are making the first attempt to cross Antarctica from west to east.

Polisario defection

Casablanca (AP) – The North American representative of the Polisario Front guerrilla group has defected to Morocco, returning to what he referred to as "the motherland," it was officially reported. Mr Omar Hadrami, a leading member of the group fighting for the independence of Western Sahara, arrived here in response to an appeal from King Hassan.

Peking student held

Peking – A Chinese police official announced yesterday that a student activist, Mr Zhang Shuguang, had been arrested in Canton last month while trying to escape to Hong Kong (Catherine Sampson writes). Mr Zhang, a student at the Aeronautical College in Peking, was the seventh student to be captured by police from a wanted list of 21.

Kaifu harried as press fastens on to hint of sex scandal

From Joe Joseph
Tokyo

Mr Toshiki Kaifu had not even called his first Cabinet meeting as Japan's new Prime Minister before a gossip-filled weekly magazine hit the streets yesterday digging away at allegations that he had had at least one affair and possibly fathered a daughter out of wedlock.

Other newspapers sent teams off to sniff for the slightest taint in Mr Kaifu's past fund-raising activities.

Mr Kaifu's office dismissed stories of sexual misbehaviour as "utterly groundless", and although his finances are not exactly transparent there is nothing to suggest that he has done anything wrong or that the donations he received from the scandal-racked Recruit company were questionable or illicit.

The baying of the hounds is yet another example of the changing complexion of Japanese politics and how the Liberal Democratic Government can no longer rely automatically on a co-operative press.

The Japanese press, once Parliament's poodle, played a big part in bringing down Mr Noboru Takeshita, who resigned as Prime Minister in June over the Recruit scandal, and his short-lived successor, Mr Sosuke Uno.

The new aggressive stance of the press and television has surprised even some members of the media, who a year ago would have laughed at the suggestion of a politician falling because of alleged corruption — which the Japanese have always regarded as business-as-usual — and would have guffawed at the idea of a political sex scandal.

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The new Prime Minister has had an uncomfortable start. Dogged by speculation that he was little more than a puppet of Mr Takeshita, who engineered his promotion, Mr Kaifu spent his first morning in office yesterday leafing through press reports that read more like bookmakers' form cards, laying odds on how long he might survive.

More disconcertingly, the *Shukan Post*, a widely-read gossip magazine, yesterday ran a cover story under the headline "The Truth About Toshiki Kaifu's Illegitimate Child Scandal", in which it said it had tracked down two sisters in Hokkaido with whom Mr Kaifu was alleged to have had affairs.

Among the allegations made a few days ago in the *Nagoya Times*, the paper of Mr Kaifu's constituency, was one that he had a daughter, now said to be about 20, by the younger of the two women. But both women told the magazine that while they knew Mr Kaifu, neither had had an affair with him.

Mr Akio Sasaki, an aide to Mr Kaifu, said: "The scandal is utterly groundless. I do not know where this came from. My guess is that Mr Kaifu used to go to Hokkaido for stumping trips and someone irresponsible must have said something like 'he goes there because he has a mistress there', and I guess the *Nagoya Times* blew that up.

That such a report should be published shows that Mr Kaifu, already facing the nightmare task of getting the Liberal Democratic Party in shape for a general election, will not be allowed a honeymoon by the press.

It was the fall of Mr Gary Hart in the US presidential race that persuaded Shuntaro Torigoe, editor of the *Sunday Mainichi*, a respected Japanese weekly, to break the taboo on discussing MPs' sexual behaviour and to publish the geisha's confessions that brought down Mr Uno.

"Politicians should set a moral standard", said Mr Torigoe. "Traditionally Japanese newspapers do not cover sex scandals... But this is changing and that change is affecting the issue of politicians' morality."

National newspapers have made much of the fact that five members of the new Cabinet and two of the party's top three officials received money from the disgraced Recruit information company. Mr Kaifu has admitted to getting about 14.4 million yen (about £60,000) from Recruit. Curiously, for a Cabinet designed to give the Government a fresh, clean image untainted by bribery scandals, Mr Kaifu's ministers received a total of 36.4 million yen from Recruit, or nearly five times the amount pocketed by members of Mr Uno's Cabinet.

Also Mr Kaifu appears to be well steeped in the tradition of buying allegiance from junior colleagues. According to the *Asahi Shimbun*, a top national daily, in 1986 Mr Kaifu handed

> Facing the nightmare of elections, Mr Kaifu will have no media honeymoon

out 66 million yen to 14 MPs belonging to his small faction within the LDP, which is led by Mr Toshio Komoto. In 1987 he gave 10 young MPs a total of 21 million yen. This is just the sort of money politics Mr Kaifu was brought in to clean up.

The Japan Times, an English-language daily, said that in reports filed by Mr Kaifu on the 335 million yen in political funds he received in 1987, the source of only 8 per cent of individual and corporate donations received was disclosed. The two million yen he is understood to have got from Recruit that year was split into two amounts of one million yen. Japan's law requires disclosure only of donations that exceed one million yen.

Some newspapers see this bookkeeping as suspicious. Others might say it was sensible and certainly uncontroversial at the time.

Many newspapers are out to prove that, behind the Government's new face, Mr Takeshita and his powerful mentor, Mr Shin Kanemaru, are still the ones pulling the strings.

Yesterday Mr Ichiro Ozawa, the party's new Secretary-General and one of Mr Takeshita's closest aides, was asked whether the Kaifu Cabinet was really under Mr Takeshita's thumb. He replied that it was natural that Mr Takeshita's faction, the biggest power bloc in the LDP, should be responsible for the election of a new party leader. In other words, a top party official has confirmed nothing much has changed.

Kiszczak finds few partners for minuet of power in Poland

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

General Czeslaw Kiszczak, the Prime Minister-designate of Poland, searched in vain yesterday for a government and his resignation next week is regarded as a near-certainty.

As all of Poland's political players — the Communists, the Peasants' Party, Solidarity and other fringe parties — squabble among themselves, it is becoming plain that the fundamental shift from a centrally planned economy to a market economy is having to be made in the worst possible political conditions.

Outside the meat shops, the queues snake around the block, even for joints and chops at astronomically high "market" prices. But outside General Kiszczak's office yesterday, the queue was somewhat shorter: ferried to the Council of Ministers' building in smart green cars, senators and deputies of all political shades are being unsuccessfully wooed to join the Cabinet.

Even before the Peasants' Party decided to vote with Solidarity next week against General Kiszczak's line-up, there was no great enthusiasm; now he is a lame-duck Prime Minister.

Whatever emerges from the Sejm (the lower house of Parliament) next week will be a transitional government. If by a last-minute burst of skilful parliamentary management — that is, by offering important ministerial jobs to the Peasants' Party — General Kiszczak scrapes through, he will still be fatally weakened.

The fact is that the June national elections created a new political framework. The Communist Party no longer has governing credibility in Poland. Solidarity, which has the popular mandate, is unwilling to be a junior coalition partner to the Communist Party.

The round-table agreements last April saw Solidarity agree to a 35 per cent minority block in the Sejm and free elections for the less important Senate. It accepted a subordinate role because it was unsure of its popular following and because it knew that it had to grow slowly into power. Now Solidarity deputies want the whole cake. They want to dominate a government and if they cannot do so they will sit on the fence, destroying the authority of any alternative.

The Communist Party has lost its ruling confidence while Solidarity is still wary of power. In that vacuum, the previously docile satellite parties — the Peasants' Party and the Democrats — are recovering some of their pre-Second World War autonomy.

The Peasants' Party, under Mr Roman Malinowski, commands 76 seats and can swing the coalition either way. Mr Malinowski was offered the post of Prime Minister before General Kiszczak but he refused unless Solidarity was included in a grand Communist-Peasants-Solidarity coalition.

Now Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, sees a possible alignment of the Peasants' Party, Solidarity and the small Democrats. That may indeed be the long-term future, — feasible even later this year — but there are still big problems ahead. Excluding the Communists would send danger signals around the Soviet bloc, especially in neighbouring East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

What would be made of a Solidarity Defence Minister attending Warsaw Pact manoeuvres? A Solidarity Interior Minister in charge of the secret police? A Solidarity Foreign Minister arguing for a completely independent Poland? The neighbours clearly will have to be reassured.

More fundamental are the differences between the Peasants' Party and Solidarity. The Peasants have a long, perhaps too long, history of co-operation with the Communists and they think alike on many issues. They are also a voice for the farming community.

But Solidarity — or rather Rural Solidarity — is already a far more radical spokesman for the agricultural community. And mainstream Solidarity, with its natural constituency in the industrial working class, is in a kind of opposition to a farmers' party. Higher meat prices, benefiting farmers, entail immediate sacrifice from urban workers.

Poland is having to learn the art and arithmetic of politics. The old alliances are splintering.

Meanwhile, Solidarity, is dancing a minuet of power.

Castel Gandolfo (Reuter) — Two senior Polish opposition leaders yesterday met the Pope at his summer residence of Castel Gandolfo, near Rome, the Vatican said. No details were given of the meeting between the Pope and the Solidarity parliamentary leader, Mr Bronislaw Geremek, and Mr Adam Michnik, an opposition deputy, during a coffee break at a seminar on social affairs.

War of nerves with US in Panama



Panamanian soldiers on alert near their Defence Forces headquarters yesterday after tensions with the US increased dramatically. US troops sealed off a jointly run base and arrested two Panamanian soldiers after the Panamanians detained two US officers. After two hours the blockade was lifted when both sides agreed to release their prisoners.

Forgery arrest after artist spots a fake

From James Bone
New York

A Rolls Royce-driving painter from Los Angeles has been charged with forging hundreds of Picassos, Mirós and Salvador Dalis after one of the artists he copied reported a counterfeit in a gallery in Beverly Hills.

Mr Anthony Tetro, aged 39, was charged in Los Angeles on Wednesday after a year-long undercover investigation culminating in the seizure of more than 250 forged paintings and prints.

"All our indications are that Tetro created these works of art alone and that he was the single biggest forger in the United States," Mr Ira Reiner, the Los Angeles District Attorney, said. Art experts from Los Angeles to New York were amazed by the qualities of the fakes, which ranged from the simple oils of Norman Rockwell to the complex colour schemes of Marc Chagall.

"If he indeed did all these things himself, it's an extraordinary talent and his arrest is certainly welcome," said Dr Constance Lowenthal, director of the Foundation for Art Research.

Although the distributors of fake artwork are sometimes apprehended, it is rare for leading forgers to be arrested.

Mr Tetro's alleged forgery scheme began to crumble only when Hiro Yamagata, a Japanese artist who lives in Bel Air, California, stopped by chance at a gallery in Beverly Hills while taking relatives from Japan sight-seeing.

They spotted several of his small watercolours on display, selling for up to $6,000 (£3,600). But Yamagata did not recognize the works and informed police.

After an operation involving officers posing as art buyers, Mr Tetro was arrested along with Mr Mark Sawicki, 31, an art dealer charged with distributing his forgeries. More than 250 fake pictures were seized in Beverly Hills, New York, Chicago, Florida and Japan.

Showing some sympathy with Mr Tetro, a fellow-artist, Hiro Yamagata, who has been painting since he was seven years old, said simply: "I hope he finds his own style."

Burmese agree to Briton's meeting

The Burmese Government yesterday agreed to allow Dr Michael Aris, the husband of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the opposition leader, to see a British diplomat tomorrow (Andrew McEwen writes). But his meeting will be in the presence of Burmese officials.

Dr Aris arrived in Rangoon last month to join his wife, who is under house arrest. He is subject to the terms of her restriction, and British officials have been denied access until now.

Bourguiba ill

Tunis (Reuter) — The former Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba, aged 86, who had a prostate operation three weeks ago, has remained in hospital because of complications.

Bridge move

Seoul (AFP) — US military authorities have turned over to their South Korean counterparts control of the symbolic Freedom Bridge which leads the way to the North.

Charges laid

Brisbane (AFP) — Criminal proceedings began against Sir Terence Lewis, the dismissed Queensland Police Commissioner, and 19 other people after a corruption inquiry.

Stitched up

Madrid (Reuter) — An emergency patient in hospital here was arrested after a nurse recognized him as the person who had robbed her at knife-point a few days earlier.

Plans dropped

Warsaw, (AFP) — The Archbishop of Cracow said he was dropping plans for a Jewish-Christian prayer centre near Auschwitz after protests by Jewish groups.

Sea flight

Ankara (AP) — Two Soviet citizens are being questioned after crossing the Black Sea in a small boat and asking for asylum in Turkey.

Body trapped

Wellington (AFP) — The body of the 10th victim of a plane crash in New Zealand's South Island will remain trapped in ice until spring.

Jackpot win

Sydney (Reuter) — A Sydney couple who bought a single $2 lottery ticket won $4.1 million (£1.9 million) in Australia's biggest jackpot.

Deep dive

Tokyo (Reuter) — A 25-ton Japanese bathyscaphe, Shinkai 6500, reached a depth of 21,211ft in the Pacific.

German link

Frankfurt (AP) — Lufthansa airlines began the first scheduled flights between West Germany and East Germany.

Climber dies

Belluno (AP) — A West German alpinist fell to his death in the Pale Di San Martino massif in north-east Italy.

UN set to publish rights report by Romania 'hostage'

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

A report smuggled out of Romania by a senior academic and former United Nations official who has been threatened with death is about to be published by a UN body. The UN had commissioned him to write a report on human rights and youth.

Britain and other Western nations brought pressure on the UN to make the report public.

It was written by Professor Dumitru Mazilu, a former member of Romania's State Security Council who is now under intense pressure from the Bucharest authorities.

Professor Mazilu has told the UN that Romanian police have threatened to kill him and claims that he has been held hostage in his own country since 1986.

In a letter smuggled out some time after the report he told the UN that he and his family were followed day and night by some 30 policemen threatening to kill him.

Concern over his safety is also felt strongly in France, where the Foreign Ministry yesterday criticized Bucharest.

"Mr Mazilu's case can be put alongside those of numerous other people being subjected to unacceptable pressures by the Romanian authorities for having wanted to express themselves freely," a spokesman said. France would continue to press for an end to these "flagrant human rights violations" along with its Community partners, he added.

Whitehall sources said Mr Mazilu smuggled out his report earlier this year. It was sent to the UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, in Geneva, but UN officials were unsure whether they had the right to publish it. A long exchange of correspondence followed in which Britain and other Western countries argued that there was a duty to publish.

On Monday the Sub-Commission began a session which is likely to last several weeks. British officials understand that the report will be published before it ends.

This would be a blow to Bucharest, because Professor Mazilu was at one time a prominent supporter of President Ceausescu. After serving on the State Security Council in 1968 he became a member of the Romanian Academy for Social and Political Science in 1970, and in 1973 was appointed Deputy Director of the Institute of Political Science.

He led the Romanian delegation at the conference of the World Federation of UN Associations in Geneva. Five years ago the Romanian Government appointed him as a representative on the UN Human Rights Sub-Commission, which has 26 member nations.

When he failed to appear at the 1987 hearing, the sub-commission was told that he had suffered a heart attack. In a subsequent letter he said his passport had been suspended because he had refused to stop work on the report.

Vienna (Reuter) — A group of Bulgarian dissidents has formed a committee to campaign for the release of five activists facing charges of spreading propaganda. The five are Mr Nikolai Kolev, a writer, Father Hristofor Sabev, Mr Kostadin Trenchev, Mr Todor Kabelov and Mr Anton Zapryanov.

Gandhi's television propaganda tool

India pulls the plug on media freedom

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi

Indian television and radio have abandoned a limited experiment with openness, reverting to an even more Orwellian projection of government views under propaganda policies from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

The clampdown comes at a time of increasing harassment of newspapers hostile to the governing Congress (I) party. Attacking the press can be subtle — tampering with newsprint supplies, for example — or blatant, as the *Indian Express* knows to its cost.

The paper, implacably anti-Congress, is denied government advertising that is supposed to be spread evenly between all newspapers. And it is under legal siege from a host of government departments in what appears to be a co-ordinated attempt to drive it out of business. Around 230 charges have been levelled against it, mostly alleging tax irregularities. But it is the attack on broadcasting that is alarming opposition parties most, because television is finally emerging as a potentially serious force.

A large proportion of villages now boast a communal television set, giving television an unprecedented audience. All-India Radio reaches 700 million people and it, too, has become little more than a governmental propaganda station.

Mr Kamala Kant Tewari, the recently appointed Minister of State in charge of Information, is responsible for the government media machinery. He makes no secret of his extraordinary views.

He told *The Illustrated Weekly of India* magazine: "This concept of *glasnost* is absolute bunk. It cannot apply to our situation. We have had enough of it already. More of it will mean only anarchy."

New relay stations are being hurriedly erected in advance of the election, expected in November or December, ensuring that television signals will be beamed to well over 80 per cent of the country. Programmes are geared increasingly to the election. A flood of documentaries is focusing on the Nehru family — it is Nehru's centenary year — and the Congress party's role in the freedom struggle.



Mr Gandhi: Rates a mention on nearly all news bulletins.

There are an estimated 150 million television sets in India. Political discussion programmes are so numbingly dull and one-sided that audiences usually turn off. Nevertheless, the potential for influencing public opinion is certainlyunprecedented.

The issue of broadcasting freedom has emerged as one of the three main opposition platforms for the coming election, along with corruption and decentralization. But despite the furore, *doordarshan*, as television is called, continually paints the Government in glowing colours while the opposition, when it is mentioned at all, is shown almost always in a negative light.

Mr Tewari sees nothing wrong in the state monopoly of broadcasting. "The Government has the sanction of the people," he said.

Janata Dal, the main opposition party, has pledged to institutionalize freedom of the press and to make broadcasting autonomous under a parliamentary charter supervised by an independent board of governors. It has also promised to pass a freedom of information Act.

But for now *doordarshan* belongs to Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, who rates a mention on virtually every news bulletin.

Coverage of "Save India Day" protests by opposition parties around the country on Wednesday was typical of the current approach. Declared *doordarshan*: "Reports from different parts of the country say that the opposition's call for observing the so-called Save India Day did not evoke any response."

The *Indian Express* headline on the same story was: "Thousands arrested, rail traffic hit. Save India Day a big success."

France riveted as public figures confess past errors

From Philip Jacobson
Paris

M Jean Poperen, President Mitterrand's Minister for Relations with Parliament, braced himself for one of the more poignant moments of a politician's life early yesterday morning, then confessed that the Socialist Government in which he serves had once threatened the freedom of French parents to choose how they educate their children.

"It is always very hard to admit that you have made a mistake, but we messed up that issue and it hurt us," he said.

Since Cabinet ministers in France volunteer public regrets no more readily than their counterparts elsewhere, M Poperen's admission was a considerable scoop for a remarkable breakfast radio show currently enthralling listeners to the RTL network. Called *Mea Culpa*, it has succeeded far beyond the hopes of Béatrice Hadjaje, its accomplished presenter, in getting prominent public figures to eat their words.

M Poperen was the first member of the present administration to be account of the Socialists' bungling of the 1984 crisis over state financing of private schools was surely music to the ears of those who had opposed the Government so fiercely.

Alas, the world will never know if M Poperen's boss, then and now, has hidden sins of his own to reveal: according to Mlle Hadjaje, M Mitterrand has declined to appear, claiming that the public has recently seen and heard enough of him.

On the other hand, *Mea Culpa* has already broadcast riveting performances by a pair of France's more controversial politicians. From M Jean-Marie Le Pen, the demagogic leader of the extreme right-wing National Front, she secured two extraordinary admissions.

He had been wrong, he acknowledged, to make an outrageous pun on the name of a Jewish Cabinet minister that appeared to mock the memory of the Holocaust. "When one speaks on politics without notes, but full of heart, one sometimes says things that go beyond what one is thinking," he said.

Even more remarkably, perhaps, M Le Pen conceded that his unrelenting, often extremely crude, attacks on Aids sufferers had been wrong. Many a morning café went cold as incredulous listeners heard him recount how, "as my form of apology", he had kissed an Aids patient on the mouth.

M Charles Hernu, the Socialist Defence Minister who was forced to resign after Rainbow Warrior, the Greenpeace vessel, was bombed, also gave Mlle Hadjaje splendid value for money. He regretted, he said, that Secret Service agents tracking the ship on his orders had gone to such extreme lengths.

M Hernu has previously maintained that no official orders were ever given to attack the Greenpeace flagship, and he insisted that he still felt no personal guilt. "However, if this were done all over again, and I could have realized the consequences, I would have been more careful about the surveillance mission," he said.

With France's long summer holidays well under way, politics would normally be taking very much of a back seat here, but *Mea Culpa* has rapidly become required listening.

Mlle Hadjaje has made the claim that this is an ideal time to catch her interviewees in the right mood, and the audience response so far suggests that the French are responding warmly enough to those who have publicly confessed their past mistakes.

Among the senior politicians who have not accepted the programme's offer to bare their political souls are M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former President, whose commendably frank memoirs first gave Mlle Hadjaje the idea for her programme, and M Raymond Barre, the former Prime Minister.

A clever but distinctly aloof figure, M Barre is understood to have indicated that there would be nothing to talk about. Or as Edith Piaf used to declare in song: *Non, je ne regrette rien.*

A world and its water

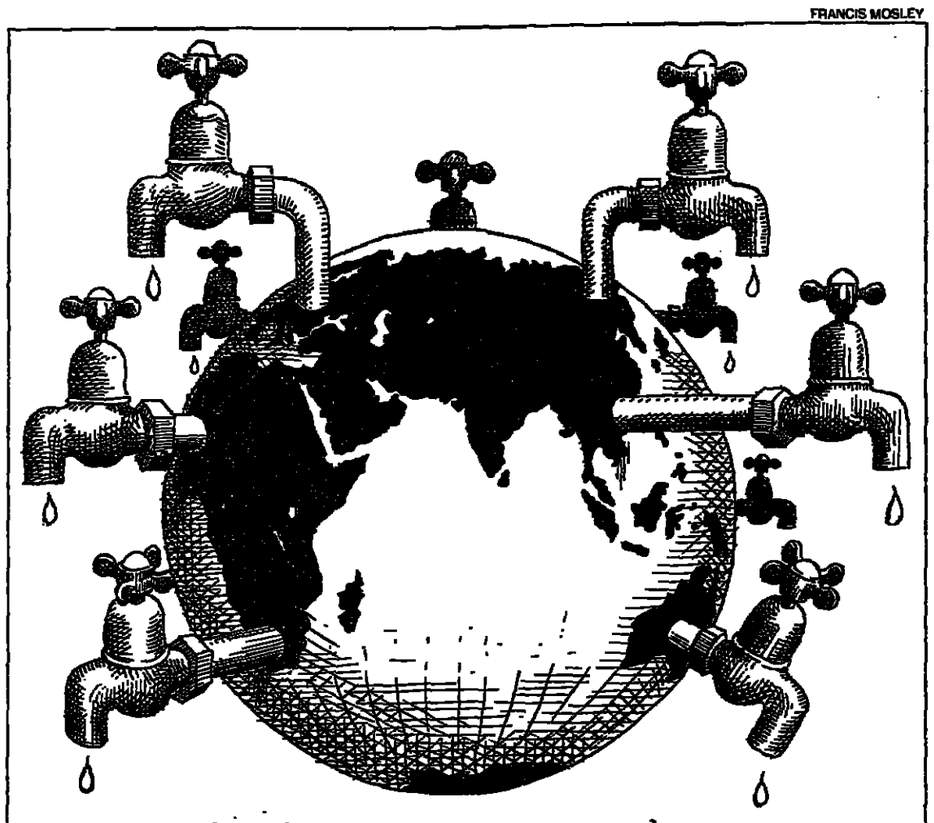
BRIAN JAMES



PEERS INTO THE DEPTHS

Britain's plans for its water have provoked floods of comment. But from the midnight bathers of Tokyo and the bandits of Bogotá to Sweden's wasteful washers-up, every country has a highly individual way of treating its most precious asset

FRANCIS MOSLEY



It is arguable whether the *python which popped its head* over the rim of a lavatory bowl this week caused a greater sense of outrage than the revelations about the price of flushing a lavatory after water privatization in Britain. "Water Bills to Soar £12", one headline roared.

That is £12 a year. Or £1 a month. Or, say, 25p per week. Shock, horror, indeed. Closer examination of the forecasts of financial consequences when privatized water companies add the "K" factor (that is, the amount they may levy to bring our Victorian pipeworks to modern standards of environmental acceptability) suggests that the "soaring" costs of drinkable water will add 11p a week to bills.

Too high a price? Perhaps not when you read that French schoolchildren visiting Britain are told not to drink our water. Or that, having tasted it, most do not need to be warned a second time. Perhaps we have expected too much for too little too long: we have become uncaring about our licence to flush away a dozen times a day more potable water than much of the world's population will see in its lifetime.

Is our casual disregard shared by many on this planet? We asked correspondents in major cities worldwide how much their neighbours pay for and how much they value their own supplies. And were they, too, flooded with problems concerning water?

The comparative cost of water proved a murky depth to explore — there seem to as many ways of calculation as there are currencies. Some pay by the tonne. Others by the cubic metre, or the gallon, or the cubic foot, or the 1,000 litre. Some even by the floor-area of their flat, in systems under which the payment is charged to an apartment block and then apportioned. Some never know: their water being lumped with other services in a general charge.

THE COST AND THE QUALITY, NATION BY NATION

India: Cost in capital nominal by Western standards, but still too high for all but middle classes. Standard good at treatment plants, then often polluted or wasted by distribution system. Nationwide, most do not *have drinkable water, relying on* wells, rivers, standpipes.

United States: Cost in cities about £6 per month for 1,000 cubic ft, but likely to become much more expensive. Quality generally high, but worries about lead. Supplies often subsidized. Nationwide, half of supplies *are municipal, half private.*

Colombia: Cost £5 per month for 1,000 cubic ft in capital. Quality in capital high, but out of reach of shanty towns. Supplies by national water authority. Nationwide, standards much lower: 12 million people do not have access to running water.

Sweden: Cost £68 per year, plus 70p per 1,000 litres. Quality very high in capital and nationwide. Supplies by municipalities.

Hungary: Cost *approximately* £2.80 per 1,000 cubic ft, usually shared by occupants of apartment building, and bill included with gas, electricity. Quality: complaints of too much chlorination and nitrates. Supplies by local authorities, subsidized.

Japan: Cost varies, but approximately £8.65 per month per household. Quality very high. Supplies by local water authorities. Nationwide, almost everyone has water on tap, rest have well or access to spring.

Brazil: Cost varies according to income from about £2.50 per month per household for both water and sewage. Quality in cities drinkable, but most people filter. Nationwide, almost half population do not have water source near to home.

China: Cost from 15p to 50p per month per person in capital. Quality very varied: water in some cities treated, but all must be boiled before drinking. Supplies by government, local authorities, sometimes industrial institutions. Nationwide, many people depend on insanitary streams and wells.

Greece: Cost about £2.20 per month per household in Athens. Quality very varied. *Almost all homes in cities* on tap. Nationwide, many rely on wells and private water trucks of questionable standard. Visitors advised to boil water in rural areas and islands.

Australia: Cost varies, can be £200 a year or double. Quality good, but in Northern Territory *discolouration is* problem. Water generally recognized as priceless asset. Supplies responsibility of states.

Other answers make it clear that it is the *taste of water that worries* many people more than its cost. Capital after capital reported soaring sales of bottled water. Much of this is gourmet chic, but it is also a *fresh realization, having once tasted* "designer" water, how foul is much of the stuff from the taps. More, although science has made water safer from bacteriological threat, *many* suspect that it has also fed other dangers, such as proliferating nitrates, into the system.

Cool, clear water is also a hot political subject. The issues of who owns and who pays for an element equal to air in its value to mankind dominates many a platform. Australia, with a climatic spread that embraces some of the dryest *places on earth and also rain forests*, reckons that it costs twice as much to supply water as in Britain: thus an Australian annual bill can be as much as £400.

And it could go higher. A "user pays" movement among states is encouraged by the experience of the Hunter Water Authority, near Sydney. Paying for what they use has sent bills soaring to £225, cut consumption by 30 per cent, and put back demand for a new dam by 15 years. It has also suggested a way *to meet the national aim of reducing* consumption by 20 per cent before the year 2000.

The issue of who controls water emerges interestingly in Rio de Janeiro. Brazil's economy is dominated by state-run industries. Tackling its staggering *international debts by selling off oil*, steel and the rest dominates the political agenda — but not one of the 27 presidential candidates in November departs from the line that services such as water and electricity *must* remain state-controlled. This is hardly because of past performance: the Brazilian Bureau of Statistics found in its latest household census (1987), that 38 per cent of Brazil's 32.1 million households (or about 40 million people) had no direct, potable water source.

Again, in South Africa, where privatization is a growth industry, it has been made clear that water stays in government hands — although an increased role for commercial design and construction is likely.

America came out as the land where tap water is cheap and *avoiding* it most costly. Last year consumers there spent £1,250 million on bottled water and £165 *million* more on purifying equipment. That is largely because of reports from bodies like the Environmental Protection Agency which estimates, for instance, that 42 *million Americans drink* water containing too much lead.

If in North America they spurn tap water, further south they steal it. In Bogotá, Colombia, *los pirates del agua* drill into the mains and steal an astonishing 44 per cent of the stuff piped out by the capital's authority. Even in an Andean community notorious for its crime this was hard to swallow: harder, came revelations that much of the hijacked fluid worth £24 million a year was soaked up in the rich northern suburbs.

In Delhi it is not stolen, it is lost. Up to 40 per cent spurts away through burst mains or leakage. Low pressure also permits the entry of pollutants: although the water which leaves the capital's plants is well up to international standards. Nationally, infected water is said to be responsible for the death of 1.5 million infants each year.

Budapest luxuriates in underground springs which gush out 16 million gallons of fresh water daily (the source for thermal baths that have lured visitors for 2,000 years). But Hungary has its problem with children in rural villages, where nitrate levels are more than the permitted 60 milligrams per litre. Here, and in 500 villages where there is no communal supply, the state distributes free bottled water: each child gets three litres a day.

No one can explain why every Swiss uses 264 litres every day (though it is a *very* clean country), but Sweden (consuming 200 litres per person per day, compared with 125 litres in Britain) is among the most wasteful of water users. Washing-up under a running tap is a common habit. But with 100,000 lakes to provide them, and a cost of 14p for five day's supply, conservation campaigns are unknown.

Japan is a case apart, with 308 litres a day consumed. So are the probable reasons. Not only are the Japanese very determined night-time bathers (and the fashion among youngsters for washing their hair every morning now adds to the flow), its ladies are very shy. It is thought terminally embarrassing to be overheard whilst using the lavatory, so it is common for *Japanese women to have the lavatory* flushing continually throughout their visit.

China, conveniently, has one fifth of the world's population and access *to one fifth of the planet's water.* But distribution is patchy. Here, too, "pay for what you use" systems are gaining popularity. It is possible in China to spend as little as 13p per *month for water.*

In Greece, where a new long aqueduct now brings Athens its water from a distant river, the populace consulted the modern oracle — *the state water board* — about the current shortage. "Our rainfall is cyclical. A heavy fall every 12 years. One is due next year." No problem.

South Africa, where an average of 18.5 inches of rain falls annually, compared with a world average of 34.1, has a rather more practical approach. Having spent 20 years negotiating a deal to bring much of its projected need of 17.6 million gallons per day from the highlands of its landlocked neighbour Lesotho, the country has projects for desalination plants and even towing icebergs from Antarctica.

That *would* be dramatic. But there is hardly a nation that does not face a future need for more water. Or safer water. Or tastier water. And all seem to recognize that "Water Bills to Soar £12" headlines will have to be shrugged aside if modern man is not to cry with the Ancient Mariner:

Water, Water Every Where
Nor Any Drop To Drink.

● *Additional reporting by Ernest Beck (Hungary), James Bone (North America), Robert Cockburn (Australia), Joe Joseph (Japan), Ray Kennedy (South Africa), Mac Margolis (Brazil), Geoffrey Matthews (Colombia), Mario Modiano (Greece), Christopher Mosey (Sweden), Catherine Sampson (China), Christopher Thomas (India).*

Twelfth of never on the moors?

As the guns prepare for the start of the grouse-shooting season tomorrow, Simon Barnes looks at the moral dilemmas posed by the uneasy alliance betweeen shooting and conservation

TED DITCHBURN



Shooting to preserve: Alan Edwards, concerned gamekeeper

Tomorrow is the allegedly Glorious Twelfth: the day on which rich men begin their annual slaughter of grouse. Not everyone sees it as a great day for the Green movement. "It *is* hard for the outsider to see that by killing things, you are protecting them," says Major-General John Hopkinson, speaking for the British Field Sports Society.

It *is* hard, yes. Take the recent case of the hen harriers. These are rare British breeding birds of prey, and they like to hunt on heather-clad upland moors. Grouse moors.

At the beginning of July, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds was studying two hen harrier nests near the Northumberland-Cumbrian border. One was on the Geltsdale reserve, owned by the RSPB, and the other on the nearby Croglin Estate. On July 2, the Geltsdale nest was found to be empty. And the following day, the nest on the estate was found with a dead female hen harrier. She had been shot. Six chicks had been trampled to death.

This season, the RSPB has monitored six hen harrier nests: every nest in Britain it knows about. All of them have failed. Richard Porter, the society's head of species protection, says: "Every year we get more reports of birds of prey being persecuted ... some of this *must* be due to the activities of gamekeepers."

It seems that shooting, by allowing such practices, is sending a plain message: provided the grouse are there to be shot (and the money there to be made from them), who cares about conservation?

Alan Edwards, gamekeeper on the Burningham Estates, on the Durham-Yorkshire border, and secretary of the Moorland Gamekeepers' Association, is on excellent terms with the RSPB. "I was horrified when I heard about the killing of the hen harriers," he says. "No wonder people are *against* shooting when that sort of thing happens."

There is a fundamental, if latent, antagonism between wildlife conservationists and *people who shoot, but they are* still prepared to work together. The RSPB is neutral on the shooting of game birds and on all legal field sports. "We therefore *can't* take a moral stance on the issue," Porter says.

"But we can't just stop there. The killing of game *birds and wildfowl* has serious conservation implications — good and bad. If you have an upland moor that is preserved for grouse, it is also preserved for merlin, hen harrier, golden eagle and golden plover. If shooting did not pay, then they would let the moors go to grass and put sheep on the top. Or else forestry would take over."

Degenerated uplands, the sort that are full of sheep, are good only for meadow pipit and skylark. And once a conifer plantation has grown up, it is virtually useless to all wildlife. "And this," Porter says, "is where the RSPB and grouse shooting see eye to eye totally. It is important to maintain these hills as *heather-covered* hills. If the way of ensuring this is by allowing grouse shooting to continue, then so be it."

Edwards, the gamekeeper, agrees. "You must be prepared *to live with birds of* prey. This we do by creating alternative areas for them to hunt: small areas of woodland for *example ... I've* been trying for 10 years to do more to make gamekeeping a positive force for good in the countryside."

All of which would be marvellous if all gamekeepers were like Edwards — or were allowed to be. The creation of alternative habitats is splen*did, but it costs money and the* owners of moorland are likely to want results. That is to say, grouse.

Grouse may be cosseted *birds, but they are still wild* ones, and their population tends to be cyclical. This year the birds are being affected by one of the periodic outbreaks *of disease to which they are* prey. "The problems and demands of the job put the gamekeeper under pressure." Edwards says. "He is *prompted to cut corners*, and leave poisoned bait and illegal traps."

According to the RSPB, the illegal persecution of birds of *prey is on the increase.* The society does not oppose predator control by legal means. "But we come down very hard when birds of prey are illegally killed," Porter says.

The League Against Cruel Sports does not go along with such a compromise. John Bryant, their wildlife officer, says: "The RSPB speaks with forked tongue. We feel that human entertainment is not a justification for the destruction of life. As for the *conservation of uplands, why* should it take a vested interest to protect the habitat?"

The two most endangered habitats in Britain are heather-covered uplands and estuary — both of them areas where game birds are shot. The Wildfowl and Wetland Trust (which was founded by Sir *Peter Scott) is prepared to* work with shooters. But like the RSPB, it is also worried.

Official policy states: "We have unease about the problem of wounded birds. We strongly advocate the discontinuation of lead shot for shooting wetland areas."

Of the wild and protected Buick swans visiting the *Slimbridge reserve, in* Gloucestershire, one third have lead shot in their tissues. And some fields and shallows are littered with spent toxic shot. Lead is now banned in the United States, but steel shot is not always a popular substitute (it is more expensive and can be hard on the guns). The British Association for Shooting and Conservation is looking into the problems of lead shot.

Conservationists may not care for shooting, but their priority tends to be conservation. They are pragmatists, rather than idealists.

It comes down to a straightforward moral question for those in favour of conserving *wildlife*: is your priority the improvement of the morals of humanity by *stopping them* shooting? Or are your ambitions a little higher: to protect the habitat, its wildlife, and the world's diversity? It is now generally accepted that morality goes beyond racial divisions: it is an advance that civilization has made this century. The growth of the Green movement suggests the way for a further and greater leap forward: that humanity has a responsibility that goes beyond the boundary of species.

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Consuming passion

Baroness Oppenheim-Barnes is soon to retire from the battle for consumers' rights. What has she achieved? Sally Brompton reports

ALAN WILLER



Lady Oppenheim-Barnes: "I've tried to make the NCC the respectable voice of consumerism"

Baroness Oppenheim-Barnes was recently told by a former supermarket employee that once the cooked meats and pies in his store had reached the sell-by date they were unwrapped and put on the delicatessen counter. When they were too over-the-top even for that, they were cut up and handed around to customers.

Although she is retiring from her job as chairman of the National Consumer Council (NCC), that story naturally reinforced her belief that there is much more to be done — beyond the Government's proposals — when it comes to controlling food safety.

During her two years at the helm of the government-funded NCC, food safety and hygiene are just two of the public concerns which have dropped on the plate of 57-year-old millionairess Sally Oppenheim-Barnes.

She agrees that her "ambitions were wide" when she took on the £14,338-a-year, two-day-a-week job after retiring from the House of Commons, where she spent 17 years as Conservative member for Gloucester. Under her leadership, the NCC has covered a wide range of topics. In the past year alone, its published reports and policy statements have included topics such as the Common Agricultural Policy, water and electricity privatization, Sunday shopping, compensation for disaster victims, banking law, consumer credit, house buying, package holidays, air travel, and social services.

"I've tried to make the NCC the respectable voice of consumerism by ensuring that it is responsible and credible," she says. "Perhaps we haven't screamed from the roof-tops when other people were screaming, because we like to get our facts right and, when we have something to say, people listen because it's important and well thought out."

She is referring to the Great Egg Debacle, when the NCC was criticized for remaining silent long after everyone else had expressed an opinion. Since then, food poisoning of one sort or another has made constant headlines, causing widespread alarm and regular shelf-clearing exercises.

Oppenheim-Barnes maintains that there is an element of over-reaction involved. "There is a very fine balance between doing things to help consumers and over-doing things so that you undermine consumer interest.

"I think everybody is bound to over-react when you have the kind of furore we've had from members of the 'professor industry' who go on television every five minutes with a new scare.

"There are many more food poisoning cases reported now than there were before and I'm very surprised that there aren't more, with the proliferation of takeaway food shops and delicatessen counters with grey-looking pies and sweaty-looking ham and everything huddled up together. I would like to see the regulations with regard to those sort of shops being very strictly enforced."

She always intended to serve no more than two years in the job, having been in consumer affairs "one way and another" since 1972 — she was Opposition spokesman and then Minister of State for Consumer Affairs. Since receiving her life peerage in January, she has been anxious to play a more active part in the House of Lords, but finds herself restricted by chairing a public body.

We are talking over glasses of lemonade in the large garden of her Gloucestershire home. Her adored Jack Russells, Spot and Snoopy, wait expectantly for someone to throw their ball. The baroness has already spent five minutes whacking balls with a tennis racquet ("I promised them this hours ago").

Her second husband, John Barnes (she was widowed in 1980 after 31 years of marriage to farmer Harry Oppenheim), who is in the process of selling his missile components factory and setting himself up as a "very expensive adviser on Ministry of Defence affairs", calls her to the telephone. It turns out to be the "mutter" who has been pestering her for weeks, claiming to be the Home Secretary's personal assistant. She has been evading him but, discovering that he actually *is* the Home Secretary's personal assistant, she shoots off to do a "bridge-building job".

'When we have something to say, people listen because it's important'

Despite the dizzy blonde image, there is clearly an efficient mind at work. She combines this asset with the seemingly rare political quality of common sense.

"There are always dangers in consumer affairs of people going over the top and demanding things that are not sensible and will add to the costs and the confusion," she says. "A very good example is food labelling. We are very keen to see more specific labelling but, at the same time, we realize that if you give too much information you will confuse, over-regulate and add exorbitantly to costs."

She is a great supporter of "liberation of shop hours — the freedom for consumers to choose whether they shop on Sundays or not". She has also been a staunch opponent of metrication and will be sad to see gallons eventually disappear from Britain's petrol stations.

She believes that consumer skills should be an integral part of the school curriculum and is anxious that the NCC's proposals on the subject will be accepted by the National Curriculum Council. "If you have a generation of children emerging from school with some idea of their rights, then you are probably educating their parents as well. I've great faith in the ability of the consumer to choose in a commonsense way, but the single most important thing is that they should make informed choices.

"They need to know how to compare values and qualities, how to read between slightly misleading statements and to know their rights. When you have got discriminating consumers in a competitive market, then you've got a healthy market."

She is disappointed that she failed to obtain a completely new Sale of Goods Act "because the old one is very complicated and the precedents are very obtuse" but she is hoping to persuade the Government to legislate in favour of clear guarantees on cars and white goods, such as washing machines.

The NCC was set up by the Labour Government in 1975 to "further and safeguard the interests of consumers". It can influence government policy — as in the recent compulsory warnings about the hazards of unsecured loans, and insistence that consumers are represented in the privatized water and electricity industries.

The baroness was unperturbed when Austin Mitchell, then Labour's trade and industry spokesman, likened her appointment to "putting Herod in charge of a day nursery". "The person who said that rude thing is a nonentity," she says. "It was laughed at by everybody in the consumer affairs world who knew me. First of all, the council makes its own policy, and its terms of reference are very simple. It's not a matter of 'is it Right or is it Left?' but 'is it sensible or stupid, and is it needed?' The more consumer affairs can be divorced from politics, the better."

Being the first woman in the job is also, she believes, irrelevant. "Major purchases, where people have the most difficulty, are usually made in unison or by the man in the family. I'm certainly not a woman's libber — I'm the opposite — but it denigrates the issue to say 'this is something women have to deal with'."

Creating a climate of concern

Widespread hose bans and water restrictions have divided the nation: there are those who are raving about the glorious summer, while others fret about the "Greenhouse Effect". A new three-part LWT series, *Climate & Man*, should help viewers unravel the complicated issues of world weather and how we not only feel its effect but, increasingly, affect it ourselves. More than 50 in-depth interviews were conducted as far afield as the USSR and the United States with scientists and other experts; their near-unanimous conclusion is that global warming represents this century's most serious ecological threat. The series also puts climate in an historical context and looks constructively at the best way forward. *Climate & Man* will be shown on Sundays at 10.35, starting on August 13; there is an accompanying book of the same name by the *New Scientist*'s Fred Pearce, price £14.95 (Vision Books).

Sacks appeal

Instead of carrying home an endless stream of flimsy plastic carrier bags — Britons get through one billion a year, many of which are merely hoarded — Budgen and Iceland suggest that you opt for one of their new, strong polythene bags emblazoned with the message "Re-use this carrier, the environment depends on it". They will be charging customers the cost price of 6p for each bag. Noble sentiments, but one wonders what happened to that quaint old accessory that came in so handy before plastic was invented — the humble shopping *basket*?

All at sea

The Marine Conservation Society lost virtually everything in a recent electrical fire except their sense of humour. "We had the local paper ringing up to find out whether any fish were burnt, but the nearest we get to real fish around here is Safeway, across the road," declares director Mandy Wilson wryly. In fact, the society's work — research into the oceans' eco-system and the future of marine life — faces a severe set-back unless instant aid is found for the Ross-on-Wye-based registered charity: temporary (local) accommodation, computer or office equipment and help with computer data entry are all needed. Current MCS campaigns include one on behalf of the threatened basking shark, another for cleaner beaches (the MCS compiled the top-selling *Good Beach Guide*, Ebury Press, £5.95), a campaign to stop the dumping of waste in the North Sea and the "Curio Trade" campaign, to try to stop people buying souvenirs produced from coral reefs. "They are the rain forests of the sea, now being destroyed on the same scale." Offers of help or requests for MCS information should be addressed to 1 Cantilupe Road, Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester, HR9 7AN (tel: 0989 66017).

WORLD AFFAIRS

News and views on environmental issues

Squeaky clean

Those who adhere to the Quentin Crisp approach to cleaning ("dust doesn't get any worse after the first four years") will have no use for the new Frosch (German for frog) range of household cleansers, but those houseproud souls for whom hot water and elbow grease are simply not enough may well be interested. The highly effective range of six products — to clean plates, bathrooms, windows, hands, tiles, even cars — is phosphate-free, all-natural (mostly vinegar-based) and contains surfactants (wetting and foaming agents) which are 98 per cent biodegradable; the polythene packs don't emit toxic fumes when burned, either. Frosch products — which hold 53 per cent of the environmentally-friendly German market — cost from £1.29 to £1.99, and are available at Holland & Barrett nationwide; they will shortly hit Budgen's shelves.

Talking money

The business world is rapidly realizing that a responsible attitude to the environment can also be profitable — witness the 175 delegates who have enrolled (at £495 + VAT per head) for "Profiting from the Green Consumer Revolution", a two-day conference to be held at London's Café Royal on September 18 and 19. Designed to show corporate decision-makers how environmental responsibility makes commercial sense, the conference draws on the experience of major UK and European companies to show how to achieve a consistently greener corporate identity. That means encouraging companies to look critically at the way their businesses run, with the aim of cleaning up their own backyards rather than simply smartening up their public relations. The long list of speakers includes representatives from Saatchi & Saatchi, Asda, Zanussi, Tesco, ICI and Habitat. With a list featuring delegates from Hewlett Packard, M & S, Ford and Procter & Gamble, it seems the colour of money really is destined to be green in future. For details, contact the Institute for International Research, 44 Conduit Street, London W1R 9FB (tel 01-434 1017).

Magic words

One company that has already organised its public image and clearly has little to learn in the eco-profit game is the Canadian corporation Loblaw. This dominant retailer and wholesaler, controlling about 27 per cent of Canada's food market, has actually trademarked the names "G.R.E.E.N.", "environmentally-friendly", "body-friendly" and "ozone-friendly", to capitalize on what it feels will be the major consumer issues of the coming decade: the environment and health. For their help and their endorsement of some green goods, Loblaw pays some environmental groups a percentage: Friends of the Earth get a penny per carton of baking soda for endorsing its repackaging as a cleaner, for example.

Shaking it up

Has the time come for a Shaker renaissance? Tim Lamb, top graphic designer responsible for Next's image, certainly believes that the pared-down simplicity of life in what was once the most successful alternative society has a distinct relevance now. It was the beauty of the Shaker communities' functional furniture that first caught Lamb's eye and he is now re-creating it in a range of designs . . . "and yes, they are constructed from wood from sustainable resources". Lamb sees "a correlation between the Shaker ideals and the environmental enlightenment taking place now. I believe we'll be consuming less and returning to a much simpler lifestyle. The idea of objects that may last hundreds of years will be increasingly appealing." And, in Shaker style's case, aesthetically pleasing. The Shaker Shop will open shortly at 25 Harcourt Street, London W1H 1DT; catalogue available, price £1.50 inc p&p.

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Abortion: a father's rights?

TALKBACK

From Marcia MacLeod, Dennington Park Road, London NW6

If Neil Lyndon was deliberately trying to provoke response from irate women he couldn't have done better than produce his column "Rights and wrongs of man" (Monday Page, August 7).

Mr Lyndon claims that he would have been a good father and good provider for his unborn children — but would he have married their mother(s)? Would the marriage have been a secure one in which to raise children? Would Mr Lyndon have been prepared either to work part-time, be a house-husband or stay home at nights and weekends to look after the child or children so that the mother(s) could, if they wished, pursue a career?

However "liberated" our society has become, and whatever strides women have made towards becoming equal to men in the work-place, nothing will change the fact that women have to give up time to have a baby. They inevitably end up spending more time with children than do the fathers, if for no other reason than that women are still, for the most part, paid less than men — it is economically more logical for the man to work and the woman to become housewife and child minder.

When Mr Lyndon can guarantee that women will always be given equal job opportunities, equal pay, equal chances to return to work after having a child; that society will not view house-husbands with anything other than indifference; and, preferably, that men can be impregnated and forced to go through a year or so of physical discomfort before and after birth, then he can have a say in whether or not his child is aborted.

From Candace Hudson, Vancouver, British Columbia

Abortion appears to be an issue everywhere in the modern world but I cannot help feeling the problem should not be whether or not to carry a foetus to full term, but the prevention of such a foetus from being conceived.

The role of parent is a responsible one and it should be taken on by a responsible, mature adult in order to produce a responsible, mature child.

Men and women partaking in sexual encounters for pleasurable reasons do not necessarily have the "right" to become parents — instead, they must do the "right" thing by the foetus and that is to prevent its conception.

When the day comes for Mr Lyndon to tell his son of his lost brothers or sisters, I hope he will add that when he is out there "being a man" he should behave in a more mature and responsible manner, so that he will not have to, one day, shed his guilt and sorrow because of an irresponsible act performed in the past.

From Richard Wyndham, Barford Road, Marlingford, Norfolk

Neil Lyndon's article parading his bleeding heart around your columns seems to me to be the height of self-indulgence. We all have youthful mistakes and sadnesses to regret, it's part of growing up. Public weeping for lost foetuses surely demands a robust rejoinder that he should have thought of that before he got the girls pregnant.

From Mrs M.E. Barnard, Harling, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon

Neil Lyndon appears to be going through the "if only" stage of early middle age.

It may help him to realize that abortions 15-20 years ago (and I hope now, too) were rarely the impulsive "get my own back" action he implies, with extra "soap-opera" advice from friends thrown in for good measure.

The majority of women were "counselled" (awful word) when applying for abortion and the various options open to them were discussed. Some, in my experience, did go on to have their babies, with or without the father's support. Those who did go on with the terminations of the pregnancy were able to feel they had consciously decided it was the best of the alternatives for them at that stage in their lives.

It is always possible to be wise after the event, and 15-20 years is a long time ago. Mr Lyndon may do well to think, that, had his life been as he now wishes, he might not have his present partner or son.

From Mrs Sonia Mayhew, Elthiron Road, Fulham, London SW6

It's hard to believe there is anyone among your readership who doesn't find the unctuous tone of Neil Lyndon's "A Father's Place" boring, humourless and utterly nauseating.

I must say today's offering, with its whingeing about various abortions he has or has not been responsible for, really does make this constant reader sick. For God's sake abort it, man and boy.

From V.C. Burr, Moles Hill, Oxshott, Surrey

Neil Lyndon's articles have been uniformly inconsequential so far, but this week's was outrageous when he attempted an apology (is it?) for his sexual mores in the Sixties which apparently led to a number of abortions, blaming his "...bad choices..." in attaching himself "...to women who treated abortion as a form of contraception".

What an obscene observation, and what a condemnation of his feckless and immoral attitude, not to be excused because there were "...a lot of them about" (in *his* society).

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ROBIN YOUNG

Catholic theologians are usually concerned with mysteries more profound than mere murder, but a recently published book by the Swiss cardinal-designate, Hans Urs von Balthasar, who died last year, gives posthumous support to the idea that John Paul I, the smiling Pope, was poisoned. The book recounts the "revelations" of one of Balthasar's disciples, Sister Erika Holzach. On the night that John Paul I died she had a vision of the papal apartments "and saw two men enter the Pope's bedroom. One carried the lethal injection, the other kept watch." Balthasar took this so seriously he insisted that Pope John Paul II should be told about it. John Paul II subsequently nominated Balthasar as a cardinal. He died before he could take office but then, after all, he was over 80.

According to Don Sharp, "nobody stuffs like an Englishman". He is founder of the Guild of Taxidermists, and he hopes our national representatives will prove the claim at the guild's annual conference in York when they take on more than 100 taxidermists from all over the world in a "stuff a hedgehog" competition. Hedgehogs, Sharp explains, so frequently have the stuffing knocked out of them on our roads that most serious taxidermists always have three or four in their freezer to practise on.

Does anyone remember the Clanricarde Gardens fire? The horrific blaze, in 1981, burnt out a block of bedsit flats in Notting Hill, west London. It killed eight people, left 100 homeless, and touched off a nationwide campaign on behalf of tenants in overcrowded and dangerous houses. North Kensington Law Centre has just succeeded, eight years after the event, in winning a £35,000 damages settlement for the survivors. It is little more than half the amount claimed, and still sets no precedent because, after all that time, the matter was settled out of court. But it is the first time any landlord has been forced to accept responsibility for providing adequate fire precautions and means of escape.

The Action Group Against Interceptory Netting for Salmon and Sea-trout (Against, for short) claims to have caught English drift-netters in a neat snare. Most countries, including Scotland, have banned drift-netting, which depletes stocks, damages fish and leaves the sea full of discarded nylon netting which wreaks havoc with wildlife. Against has calculated from official returns that the average net income of licensed drift-netters in the Northumbrian Water Authority area is about £2,650 a year. Either, it argues, the fishery does not provide a significant part of the coastal fishermen's income, or the declared catches are substantially false.

● **There is a certain chutzpah about the name which the waste disposal firm, Rechem, has chosen for its new landfill division. It is Terramicus which, roughly translated from dog Latin, means "friends of the earth".**

BARRY FANTONI



'Difficult not to introduce race into the discussion'

The property recession seems to be biting with especial savagery in Dulwich, where the Thatchers have invested in their retirement home. Six Pillars, a Grade II listed house on the Dulwich College estate, on offer through Roy Brooks, has just been cut in price by a swingeing £100,000 to £365,000. The Le Corbusier-style house rates a mention in Pevsner as "worth examining". Few serious buyers in the present climate seem to have taken the hint.

There is a rather touching insight into the possibly unworldly nature of Dr Tim Lang, director of the London Food Commission and the man whom Mrs Teresa Gorman would blame for all our food scares, in a story told by the actress Pamela Stephenson. As a parent she has turned campaigner for safer food, and called together her showbiz friends — Twiggy, Patricia Hodge and Anneka Rice — for a meeting with Dr Lang. Afterwards he asked innocently: "Who were those people?"

Michael McCarthy on the dilemma Britain faces over toxic waste

When green turns to grey

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, may have cause to thank the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company for its announcement on Wednesday that it would not handle 15 shipments of Canadian toxic waste. These hazardous cargoes, due to start arriving at the port next week, could not fail to provide environmentalists with ammunition for their campaign against such imports. Now the shipments may well have to return to Canada untreated.

Yet there are arguments in favour of allowing other countries' toxic waste to be imported into this country for destruction. Hazardous chemicals like polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) must be safely treated somewhere. Most countries do not have the facilities to do so: Britain does, and by offering to share them we are performing a service to the rest of the world.

Even environmentalists are divided on the issue. Greenpeace has set its face against all toxic waste imports, but Tom Burke, director of the Green Alliance, would rather see dangerous chemicals disposed of properly in Britain than inefficiently in the Third World. PCBs were used as transformer coolants all over the globe before their toxicity was recognized and they were banned.

Government policy at present is to allow the import of toxic waste under stringent conditions. The reprocessing industry has grown fast in response to world demand, and is highly profitable. Rechem, the company operating the high-temperature incinerator in Pontypool, which was the ultimate destination of the Canadian waste, nearly doubled its pre-tax profits, to £8.7m on a turnover of £19.5m, in the year to March. "Such bumper profits must make the business look attractive to other companies," commented *Investors Chronicle*.

But if companies like Rechem have won over the City, they will find it much tougher to win over the public. While it is generally accepted that our own waste must be dealt with, it is more difficult to convince people that taking in other countries' toxic waste is a good idea.

It is doubtful that the public will be reassured that Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution will permit only properly regulated, documented and sealed cargoes of waste to enter; or that British technology can deal safely with chemicals like PCBs, or that chemical by-products of their destruction, such as dioxins, may not be the hazard they once were thought.

Growing local opposition to the Rechem plant has developed into a determined campaign to stop the consignment of Canadian waste which was due next week. Some protesters have threatened to block the lorries when they arrive at the incinerator gates, no doubt with the media in attendance. So Mrs Bottomley (who is minding shop at the Environment Department in the absence of Christopher Patten and David Trippier) has reason to be grateful to the port authority for refusing to handle the cargoes.

It is an issue she has dealt with before. A year ago, as the newly appointed junior minister, she was faced with the affair of the Karin B, the West German freighter carrying uncatalogued and unlicensed Italian waste that tried to sneak its cargo into Britain. In that case she was widely praised for turning away the ship.

Mrs Bottomley could hardly take the same action with the 15 shipments of Canadian PCBs that Rechem wishes to bring to Pontypool, properly catalogued, sealed, documented and authorized by the pollution inspectorate in accordance with government policy.

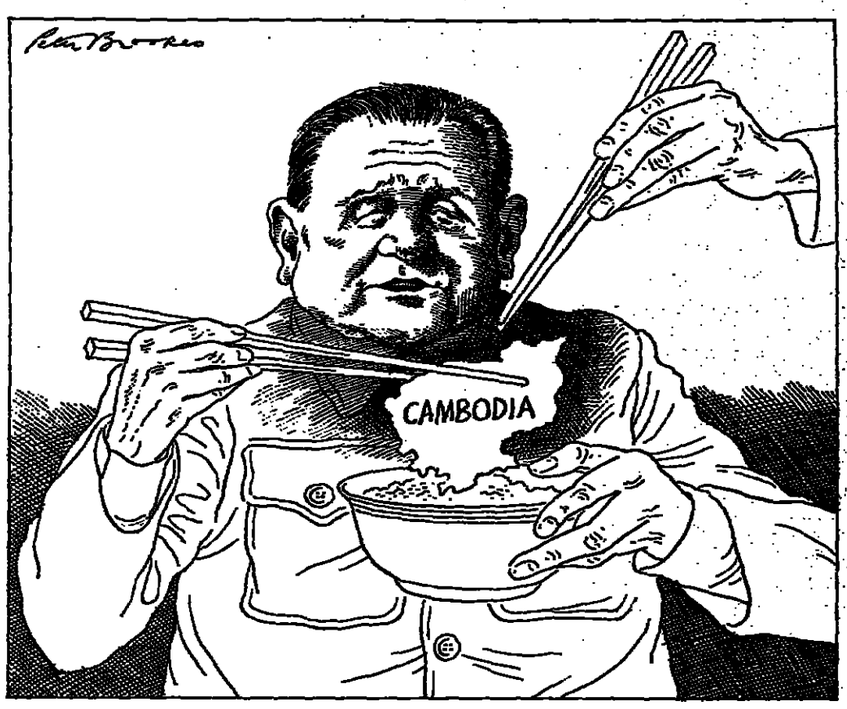
However, the distinction between Karin B and the Canadian cargoes may be lost on the public and the port authorities. On Tuesday night the port of Tilbury refused to handle a cargo of Canadian waste that had been fully authorized by the inspectorate. Sir Bernard Braine, Conservative MP for Castle Point, an Essex constituency bordering the Thames, called the handling of toxic waste in the area scandalous, no doubt echoing the sentiments of his constituents.

National waste management practice as a whole is under review and will be tightened considerably in the forthcoming Green Bill. The Government has already made clear its opposition to the importation of waste for landfill — dumping on refuse sites. But so far it sees no reason to ban the import of hazardous waste for specialized destruction in high-technology facilities.

If the Rechem shipments did arrive, and were met with determined public opposition, the political price of continuing to defend toxic waste imports could prove too high. So while the constitutionalist in Mrs Bottomley will doubtless register stern disapproval of a port management deciding import policy, and a public company being prevented from going about its lawful business, it would be surprising if the practical politician in her did not offer silent thanks.

Cat and mouse with the Khmers

As the UN searches for a Cambodian settlement this month, China tries to keep the Khmer Rouge in contention for power, writes Michael Leifer



This week a 15-man United Nations fact-finding mission arrived in Cambodia to assist the international conference that is racing to work out detailed arrangements for a political settlement in the country before the end of the month.

The task of the conference involves more than preventing the bestial Khmer Rouge from resuming power when Vietnamese troops withdraw in September. At issue also is the legitimacy of the incumbent government in Phnom Penh, ensconced by the Vietnamese in January 1979.

When the conference reconvenes in Paris, it hopes to have before it proposals for policing Vietnam's troop withdrawal, establishing a ceasefire, guaranteeing a political settlement and Cambodia's independence and neutrality, as well as repatriating hundreds of thousands of refugees from camps along the Thai border.

The conference has also set up an *ad hoc* committee, comprising all four Cambodian factions, to confront the problem of national conciliation. The factions agreed to participate, at least in form, as a single delegation, but remain bitterly divided.

The timing of the conference has been influenced by Vietnam's declared commitment to withdraw all of its forces from Cambodia before the end of September, irrespective of a political settlement. This commitment to military withdrawal has not been matched by withdrawal of political support from the government in Phnom Penh. That government continues to face insurgent challenge from a disparate and fragile coalition comprising the Khmer Rouge and two non-Communist factions led respectively by the former head of state, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, and a former prime minister, Son San.

The Phnom Penh government, supported by Vietnam and the Soviet Union, has rejected the coalition's demand that it be dismantled, in advance of general elections, in favour of an interim administration comprising all four Cambodian factions. It refuses to deny its legitimacy in advance of an election; nor will it accept a power-sharing arrangement with the Khmer Rouge.

Behind this bitter conflict is a continuing struggle for influence in Indo-China between China and Vietnam. The international context of the struggle has changed over the past decade. Vietnam is no longer regarded in Peking as the agency of a hostile Soviet Union. Indeed, Hanoi's calculated decision to withdraw all of its troops from Cambodia was taken partly in the light of Mikhail Gorbachov's revision of Soviet foreign policy priorities.

The decision to withdraw does not reflect any change in Vietnam's long-standing conviction that its security depends on exercising close political influence over the whole of Indo-China. This conviction was responsible for the initial invasion of Cambodia to oust the Khmer Rouge government, which the Vietnamese saw as an aggressive proxy for China.

This view of the nature and role of the Khmer Rouge still prevails. Vietnam's object in Paris is to tie its troop withdrawal to a severance of external military support for the Khmer Rouge, and to exclude the Khmers effectively from a political settlement by playing on their gruesome record. Vietnam's withdrawal is intended to leave the Phnom Penh government politically intact or, better still, politically enhanced by attracting Sihanouk's participation in a ceremonial role.

Despite his hatred of the Khmer Rouge, Sihanouk has insisted on their full and equal involvement in a political settlement. He claims that to exclude them would be a recipe for civil war. In addition, he has demanded the office of executive president in any power-sharing arrangement, which Phnom Penh's prime minister, Hun Sen, has so far refused to concede.

Sihanouk enjoys considerable international support, despite his unpredictable disposition. He is widely regarded as the only Cambodian political figure capable of leading a power-sharing government. His support comes not only from the United States and members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean), but also from China.

China's participation in the international conference has been notable, so far, for its seeming moderation and for an evident detachment from the Khmer Rouge. That said, China has not made any substantive concessions, other than to endorse the dispatch of the fact-finding mission, which will be obliged to work within terms of reference set by the government in Phnom Penh.

China is in international difficulty following the bloody events in and around Tiananmen Square, but it has not so far indicated any change in its basic position on Cambodia. Its government insists on a comprehensive settlement, which means that an international endorsement of Vietnam's troop withdrawal has to be tied to an internal political solution.

A partial settlement which only endorses Vietnam's withdrawal is regarded as unacceptable, because it would serve to confirm the position of the government in Phnom Penh, regarded as an unpalatable representative of Vietnam's influence. China continues to support the tripartite coalition in its demand for an interim four-party government headed by Sihanouk.

Although China has revised its earlier view of Vietnam as an agency of a hostile Soviet Union — and therefore no longer a security threat — it does not appear to have relented in its determination to reduce its southern neighbour's regional influence. In Paris, China's delegation has appeared reasonable and flexible but it has avoided any commitment that might deny the Khmer Rouge a fighting chance of seizing power.

China has acted as quartermaster for the Khmer Rouge for more than a decade without being able to control them. The Chinese government knows well the pathological nationalism that drives the Khmer Rouge. It also realises that they have the men and material to disrupt any accord not to their liking.

China also knows the Khmer Rouge represent a fearsome paradox: an independent proxy seen as the most effective bulwark against Vietnamese influence. There is reason to believe that the government of China still seeks to diminish Vietnam as a power.

Procedural agreement in Paris marks only a small step along the road to political settlement, set against the intensity of intra-Cambodia enmity and historical antagonism between China and Vietnam. Moreover, the record of previous international conferences in resolving violent conflict in Indo-China is not encouraging. They have been able only to work out provisional accords, which then set conditions for decisive tests of military strength of more lasting political significance.

A viable political settlement requires an ability among Cambodians, without a tradition and culture of power sharing, to adopt such an alien practice. It also requires a willingness on the part of both China and Vietnam to accept a genuine neutralization that will extract Cambodia from their balance-of-power calculations. These preconditions have to be met before procedural promise in Paris can be translated into political fulfilment in Phnom Penh.

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Israeli action worth a deal of Western angst

Robert Kilroy-Silk congratulates the kidnappers of Sheikh Obeid

So Israel looks to have been right after all. Within two weeks of the audacious capture of Sheikh Obeid in south Lebanon, the terrorist organizations are making conciliatory noises. The Revolutionary Justice Organization has offered to swap the American, Joseph Cicippio, for the Hezbollah cleric, his two henchmen and 450 other Arab prisoners held by Israel.

By any standards, Israel's action seems vindicated by results. The professional wringers of hands, the sanctimonious hypocrites who could not wait to posture on the moral high ground of condemnation of the Israeli commando raid as an act of "state terrorism", have suddenly become very quiet.

Those that do speak still equivocate. "We don't," they assert grandly, "negotiate with terrorists" — though virtually every country, including Britain, which has made that claim has done so at some time. Others condemn Israel's military action and insist that the solution to the hostage crisis has to be found by negotiation and diplomacy.

Some, like James Baker, the American Secretary of State, try to play it both ways. "We do not concur," he says, with what Israel has done, but "neither do we object." They certainly will not object if "what Israel has done" leads to the yellow ribbon being untied from the White House door.

It does not seem to occur to any of these high-minded but insulated critics of Israel that none of their preferred means of releasing the Western hostages has worked. Neither threats of military action, negotiation, diplomacy, prayer nor humiliating personal pleading have succeeded.

Israel has succeeded. Before the abducted terrorist leader's feet had touched the ground in the villa prison in northern Tel Aviv, the plight of the Western hostages had been forced to the forefront of the international political agenda. There was a flurry of diplomatic activity. Everyone suddenly wanted to become involved. Offers of mediation and assistance came from all parts of the world.

The vast American military machine was put on alert and moved into position. President Bush made a solution of the problem his priority and cancelled other important engagements. He telephoned the world's leaders seeking help, and exerted diplomatic pressure from, as he put it, "Morocco to Moscow". The Algerians became involved. Ambassador Khaled Hasnawi started the process of mediating between the parties, and Marrack Goulding, the United Nations special envoy, carried out a Kissinger-like shuttle across the Middle East.

Most important of all, of course, is that Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, president of Iran, the country that is Hezbollah's paymaster, made conciliatory noises to Bush and offered to assist. There has never been so much activity. It is doubtful if any of it would have occurred had the kidnapping of Sheikh Obeid not taken place. It is profoundly naive of Goulding to say that Israel's action has not helped the hostages, and in the same breath that prospects for their release have never looked better.

Of course there were, still are, great risks in the Israeli action. It is perfectly conceivable that all of the hostages could have been slaughtered immediately. But they were not. The death of Lieutenant-Colonel William Higgins, though initially attributed to the snatching of Obeid, is now reliably thought to have occurred several months ago. None of the other hostages appears to have been harmed as a result of the Israeli raid. The terrorists have bottled out of every self-imposed deadline for the release of Obeid.

In any case, there are risks, great ones, in refusing to negotiate. Why should kidnappers continue to house, feed and guard prisoners no one is prepared to bargain for? They might as well dispose of them in the easiest way possible. At least the Israelis have given them a reason to keep their hostages alive, and to talk.

Whatever the outcome of the bargaining, we can say with almost absolute certainty that it will be no worse than the result of all of the Western countries' diplomatic efforts in the past four years. Despite the international telephone calls, memos and tough talk, the plain and uncomfortable fact is that 15 Western hostages are still being held by a multiplicity of terrorist groups in Lebanon.

The British church leaders, the Marrack Gouldings, the Senator Doles, and all the other proponents of a softly-softly approach, cannot claim to their credit the release of Brian Keenan, held for 1,213 days; John McCarthy, in prison for 1,208; Terry Waite, missing for 932; and elderly and frail Jack Mann, abducted 86 days ago. They cannot even show any progress, except that initiated by Israel's act of "state terrorism".

And why, in any case, should Israel be expected to stand idly by when three of its soldiers are being held by an enemy that flaunts its declaration of war against Israel? Had British commandos carried out a similar raid into occupied France during the last war they would, rightly, have been awarded VCs.

The Israelis can certainly do without the condemnation of countries like the United States and France, who are perfectly happy to bargain with terrorists, in secret, and to barter arms and money for their own nationals. At least the Israeli action was honest, open and, in a state of war, morally defensible.

Better, in any event, what Israel did than the timid appeasement of terrorism practised by most of the rest of the world. Whatever else the kidnapping of the Hezbollah sheikh may achieve it has at least demonstrated that terrorists cannot expect to remain unscathed. They know, now, that they can be reached and touched by the long arm of vengeance, if not the law, and that they may have to account for their actions. That can only be to the advantage of the rest of us.

Pass the buck and sell the fizz



ALAN COREN

My host has a bob or two. More than that, and to his great credit, not to say great debit, he clearly enjoys chucking it about, and not merely on himself, either. Even more than that, he knows whereof he chucks: the holiday villa above Cap Ferrat to which he has invited us for lunch is a very beautiful eyrie indeed, the tasteful grandeur and incomparable outlook of which would, had he ever been fortunate enough to tie the bib on here, had sent Hitler scuttling back to Berchtesgaden in apoplectic envy. It has not one but two grass tennis courts, upon either of which Steve Davis would have no difficulty at all in knocking up a 147 break, and a swimming pool which might well, given the astonishing flora and the murmuring cascades tumbling down its secluding rocks, have been imported whole from Bali.

On and in these, the long-stay guests he has invited out from England to share his good fortune — and, as fortunes go, the odds are that there can be few better — are disporting themselves as his maid ushers us on to the terrace so that he can begin filling us with buck's fizz. Now — and not withstanding what I know to be the views of the verray parfit gentil knyght with whom I timeshare this lectern — it is the quality of the orange juice which defines a good buck's fizz, and if the citrus is right it is impossible to guess the provenance of the bubbles. However, such is the splendour not only of the *mise-en-scène*, but also the nibbles which the maid is handing round — chunks of grilled lobster, *palourdes farcies*, crab claws — that when the host inquires after our opinion of his refreshment and invites a guess as to its component fizz, I reply, not really joking: "Oh, I don't know, Dom Perignon is it?"

His glee is unconfined. His grin dims the noonday sun. He slaps his thigh with such joyous vigour that sunburned guests wince and pucker.

"It's a tuppeny-halfpenny *cremant* from up the road!" he cries. "Twenty francs a bottle, to be exact — *and* a 5 per cent discount on the dozen!"

A good guest, I contrive, from my lounger, a *couchant* stagger, and an astonished gasp. But from the one beside me, another guest, a QC who has driven over from his own villa in a Mercedes convertible he keeps down here just for his holidays, snorts: "I pick it up for 17 in Grasse."

"It's a half-hour drive," says our host limply. There is no disguising the faint miff that has crept into his mien.

"Half the fun," says the QC.

And it dawned on me what the other half was.

It was a dawn which, when we sat down to lunch, bloomed to full morning. The first course was an astounding escalope of fresh foie gras: had Sydney Smith caught even one whiff of it, he would have fallen into a swoon from which he might never have bothered to recover, preferring instead to grasp heaven with both nostrils.

With it came the mandatory Sauterne.

My host wept.

I held it up. The colour was somewhat widdley, the nose just perceptible, the taste thin.

"It's a 15-franc job," said the QC. "Not bad at all."

"Try 12!" cried our host.

Much nodding followed this cry around the table. I nodded myself, though at what I wasn't absolutely certain. Here, after all, was a bloke who, back in his London club, would have offered me a tankard of 50-quid Chateau d'y Quem to sluice down a blob of indifferent pâté without a second thought. And so it went on, throughout the subsequent and no less delicious courses: as the food went from strength to strength, the wine went from weakness to weakness, culminating in a St Sidoine from the Var, decanted into crystal pitchers for no other reason than that the 5-litre plastic tub in which it came would have defeated even the butler's sinewy wrist.

"This works out," said our host, lifting to the light a goblet with the colour and appeal of a bloodshot eye, "at 9 francs a bottle, would you believe?"

Well, yes, actually. All that is unbelievable is that, slice it how you will, wine-snobbery will ever raise its head, sniff, and ensure that the nose its sniffs with ends up being paid through.

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TROOPS IN

Anniversaries in Ireland are as much occasions for ritual words as traditional actions. The peculiar history of the province makes it necessary for successive British governments regularly to review, and restate, the case for their troops remaining.

That case is no less valid for being little changed. Twenty years ago this weekend, the British Government was faced with the prospect of a complete breakdown of legal authority in Northern Ireland.

There were voices both inside and outside the province which said that the then Government of Northern Ireland should have been prepared to ask for military aid before the disastrous apprentice boys' march in Londonderry on August 14. There were voices inside Whitehall arguing that London should then take over all government powers in the province in one clean-cut move. It was the latter argument which was vindicated.

There were two reasons for the delay. First, during the 1960s, the distance between the two governments had widened while the financial subsidy from the mainland increased; the government machines grew closer together, but the politicians lost touch. Second, there was reluctance to acknowledge that logic pointed towards a rapid Westminster take-over, that the police force was too small and prejudiced to cope with the forces unleashed by the civil rights campaign.

In hindsight, it would plainly have been wise for the Government to have acted sooner and banned the apprentice boys' march. It cannot be certain that this would have put the lid on the sectarian trouble which had been brewing in the cities during the civil rights campaign.

The fusion of the two was always likely to bring severe trouble. As the riots grew in ferocity, people risked being — and were — killed. No power under the control of the Northern Ireland Government could check the lethal momentum. In those circumstances, any British government has one overriding duty: to ensure the safety of its citizens.

By definition, the State's actions in doing this will always be imperfect: by the time such drastic action is necessary, force may have to be threatened, and used. Lesser law-breaking by civilians may have to be condoned in the interests of the wider restoration of order. These deviations from the ideal of peacetime policing are made necessary by the imminent or actual threats to life.

It is necessary to underline this point to counter two forces that have since acted on public opinion and do so still. Republicans say that the presence of British troops is the root of all violence in the province, that their arrival is the original sin. This is a more politically "acceptable" version of the old argument for breaking the connection between Northern Ireland and Britain.

There is also an understandable inclination among mainland voters to flinch from the cost in the lives of soldiers and from the images of soldiers acting as policemen in peacetime (and sometimes failing to match police standards of restraint). Mainland opinion polls have frequently (since 1974) found majorities in favour of the phased withdrawal of troops; several have found the same majorities convinced that this would be followed by civil war.

No convincing evidence to refute that second judgement has been assembled. The recently limited visibility of regular soldiers in the province has allowed people to underrate their importance. Northern Ireland is part of the UK; there is no evading the duty to underpin law and order with necessary force.

Could that force have been better used? The first phase of the troubles, from 1969 until the abolition of Stormont in 1972, saw government policy divided between London and Belfast and between the army and the police. It took secretaries of state too long to clarify the lines of command.

The legal basis of internal security operations by British forces has always been confused and remains so to this day. The law on the use of lethal force by the police and army remains ambiguous. Military advice to politicians has always stressed the dangers of the "Protestant backlash". This helped delay the removal of the Northern Ireland Government and helped weaken the resolve of the Government when it was faced in 1974 with the Ulster Workers' Council strike which brought down the power-sharing executive.

The key to security policy in Northern Ireland is stepping between temptations. There is a temptation to cut losses and to leave. But there is always a temptation to believe too that all that London can do is minimalist management; that it merely does harm by attempting more.

Local politicians still cannot agree on a restoration of normal politics. But that now matters less than it once did. Political reform can still be validly pursued if it does not obstruct higher priorities. First, sufficient resources must be available to prevent major disorder or civil war; this is now a lessened risk, but it has not been eliminated. Second, the Government has a duty to defeat any attempt to violate the supremacy of the law.

Beyond that, a government should seek ways to restore normal life. Much has been achieved in the last 10 years that merits sober celebration.

HIGH ROAD TO HEALTH

The Government has not been having an easy time in the battle to sway public opinion in favour of its plans to reform the National Health Service. The doctors have been punching hard, and have landed a number of damaging blows, some of them not all that far above the belt. Yesterday's thoughtful report by the House of Commons Social Services Committee, chaired by the Labour member Mr Frank Field, guarantees that Mr Kenneth Clarke will have a pensive holiday.

The committee emphasizes that it has no quarrel with the ideas set out by the Prime Minister in her foreword to the White Paper — to extend patient choice, to delegate responsibility to where the services are provided and to secure the best value for money. Their reservations are about means, not ends.

Their major anxiety is that the Government's plans cannot work for the interests of patients until the necessary information is available to cost different treatments accurately. They also think the reforms are being driven forward at a dangerously fast pace.

The committee was divided on the merits of self-governing hospitals. A majority took the view that the basic cost-accounting systems needed had not yet been fully developed. Mr Field and his colleagues strongly support the Government's proposals for medical audit, but Mr Clarke will have to respond to their contention that he is confusing this with value for money audit.

The committee identifies gaps in the White Paper — they instance community care and the level of funding — but that is not what the White Paper was about. It was, however, most emphatically about the establishment of a market in health care, and the question of whether standards of care would decline if the approach to that were not properly staged is a central one.

The two fundamental assumptions of the White Paper — that the price mechanism is an effective means of allocating resources in health care, and that cost and patient throughput are effective measures of health care performance — have so far been the subject of too much assertion and too little debate. The committee's analysis of the arguments performs a service.

In the past few days questions have been raised about Mr Clarke's political style. With the conference season approaching it will become a party matter as well as a Government one. Some of Mr Baker's emollient skills might be called in aid.

The question of speed should make the Government thoughtful but not downhearted. The Prime Minister should ponder what that wise old bird Sidney Smith once wrote to Lord John Russell: "I like, my dear Lord, the road you are travelling, but I don't like the pace you are driving . . . Put on the drag". It was good advice to a 19th-century Liberal. That does not make it bad advice for 20th-century Tories as long as the destination is kept firmly in sight.

THE VIEW FROM PARIS

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development is a good deal less sanguine about the British economy than the Government is. Its annual report on the UK, coupled with the more coded message of the Bank of England's Quarterly Bulletin, is a useful corrective to Treasury optimism.

Recent indicators, it is true, have mostly been more reassuring than their immediate predecessors. Retail sales growth has come to a stop, mortgage lending has slowed and house prices, at least in some parts of the country, are now static or falling. Business expectations are lower, high interest rates have begun to bite and inflation will start to turn down with the August figures due in September.

But viewed from Paris, where the OECD is based, risks and uncertainties loom large. Given the unreliability of the national accounts it is difficult to be certain how strong inflationary pressures are. Nor is it known how present high inflation will be reflected in wage settlements during the rest of the year. The effect of monetary policy is itself unclear at a time when institutional changes and financial deregulation are forever altering the pitch on which the game is played. Progress in bringing down inflation and narrowing the current account deficit, the OECD concludes, may be slow and uncertain and policy may have to be tightened further.

The Paris-based commentators are also sceptical of the Government's apparent reliance on monetary policy alone to combat inflation to the exclusion of fiscal policy. But here they may be guilty of taking Mr Nigel Lawson too much at his word.

It is certainly arguable that the 1988 Budget in retrospect "gave away" too much in tax cuts, though in the event the Budget surplus in 1988-89 turned out much bigger than expected. But although Mr Lawson has emphasized the primacy of monetary policy in dealing with inflation, his 1989 Budget judgement was heavily influenced by the need for a cautious fiscal policy to support the Government's efforts to get inflation down.

The OECD is rightly more polite about Britain's achievements on the supply side of the economy. But economic efficiency in Britain started from a low base, and there is much more to do.

From an international perspective Britain's educational infrastructure looks particularly inadequate. The school curriculum may be becoming more relevant to the needs of employers but, says the OECD, "as long as only a small proportion of people receive formal education beyond school-leaving age, the basis for the workforce to take full advantage of modern work organization and production techniques will remain inadequate". Mr John MacGregor, the new Education Secretary, should pin that section of the report up over his desk.

The momentum of structural reform must be maintained. This will help in reversing the recent rise in inflation. But simply reversing it is not enough. The most important single message from Paris is that an underlying level of inflation of 4-5 per cent is too high. At that level the economy will always be vulnerable to shocks. The task is not only to slow the economy to a sustainable speed but to go further and resume the process of bringing the underlying rate of inflation down.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cutting edge in IT market place

From Mr Kenneth Warren, MP for Hastings and Rye (Conservative)

Sir, Your contributor, Richard Sarson (Technology, August 3), made a good case better by his identification of the strange conflict between the Government's perception of what the Select Committee on Trade and Industry said in its report on IT (information technology) and what the committee actually said.

The committee made 52 recommendations, some covering more than one item. Twenty are concerned with the Government's business standards, eight are about statistics, eight about the IT trade gap of £2,500 million, seven about education, five about the DTI's own initiatives, three each about standards and taxation and one about broad-band telecommunications.

Only the DTI has seen these as adding up to state intervention. As chairman of the committee I can assure you it did not ask for a Minister of IT, but it did ask for a minister in each Government department to be known to be responsible for that department's internal business policy on the use of IT. This is vital to Government, which is a labour-intensive business.

The committee also asked for identification of one member of the Cabinet as responsible for IT matters across Government, in exactly the same way as such key business functions are assigned within the board of every major company. At a time when Government exhorts business to be more efficient I believe that it has a duty to set a leadership example.

Because of good, professional leadership the Inland Revenue has demonstrated how expensive systems can be intalled on time and to budget. Conversely, the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Social Security have shown how management lacking in the required skills has cost the taxpayer billions of pounds.

Currently the Government spends some £4 billion a year on the purchase of IT goods and services. As the biggest single customer it influences the industry's performance at home and in export markets.

The select committee is seeking to establish recognition by our non-interventionist Government that, even if it does not want to "pick winners" — to use Lord Young's phrase — the quality of its choice, as the prime bidder in the IT market place, inevitably affects the sharpness of the industry's cutting edge.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH WARREN,
House of Commons.

Revival of the C5

From the Editor of Which?

Sir, We were interested to read Kevin Eason's report (August 7) on the revival of the Sinclair C5 and how it may become the green car of the future.

Which? reported on the Sinclair C5 in June, 1987, soon after it first came on the market: we concluded that it was, in the right conditions "free of fuss and economical". But we also found that it had two major potential safety drawbacks, both of which were the result of its low seating position: the driver's body (rather than legs) is directly on bumper height — likely to increase the chance of severe injury in a collision — and it is easily hidden behind other vehicles, even with the mast fitted, making it more vulnerable in heavy traffic.

Other severe drawbacks were speed (we never got much more than 13 mph) and range (our testers never managed more than 14.2 miles on one battery).

Consumers' Association welcomes initiatives in environmentally conscious transport — but not at the expense of safety.

Yours faithfully,
DAVE WATTS, Editor, *Which?*,
2 Marylebone Road, NW1.

From the Director General of the British Safety Council

Sir, As the man entirely to blame for the failure of the Sinclair C5 in January, 1984, may I say that the same safety criticisms apply today. Namely that the vehicle in my view is unsafe, lorry drivers cannot see it, it was sold without direction indicators, wing mirrors and other safety equipment, it didn't attract insurance but it could be used by banned drunk drivers.

Personally, I would hate to see them being on the road driven by banned drunk drivers.

Yorus faithfully,
JAMES TYE, Director General,
British Safety Council,
National Safety Centre,
Chancellor's Road, W6.

Pensions effect of pay rises at top

From Mr Alan Smallbone

Sir, Your Employment Affairs Correspondent's report of August 3 does not mention the most disquieting of the effects of directors' disproportionate increases: the impact these can have on "final" pay pensions.

A £300,000 rise may boost the recipient's pension by a further £200,000, imposing a sudden liability on the fund worth some £2 million. The individual's 5 per cent contribution will not go far towards this; the balance of cost must be found from shareholders' funds and, to a massive extent, by the taxpayer at large via tax exemptions.

The later the age at which pay rises are granted, the higher these are; the larger the amount and the greater the proportion of pension cost must be paid for by other people — many of whom will not belong to such schemes at all, and never benefit from their huge subsidies.

Public accountability for the inequitable redistribution these schemes encourage scarcely exists, and the progressive nature of final funding ensures that the pensions of those offloaded 10 or more years before age 65, and paid under £24,000 — 90 per cent of taxpayers never earn so much — are very largely sustainable on the fruits of their own contributions.

The Chancellor's new £60,000 "cap" will have minimal effect this century, for the rest of which it will remain broadly true to say that 10 early leavers' devastated expectations will help to pay for one high flyer's late enhanced windfall.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
ALAN SMALLBONE,
30 Temple Fortune Lane, NW11.
August 4.

From Mr Terry Dicks, MP for Hayes and Harlington (Conservative)

Sir, As the member of Parliament for Heathrow, and a British Airways shareholder, I have watched with amazement the ridiculous sniping at the salary paid to Lord King of Wartnaby, the man who more than any other turned British Airways into the international success it is today. Can the benefits accruing to the local and national economy from his years of leadership of our national airline be forgotten already?

After running the airline for many years at a salary level that an American manager would regard as peanuts, Lord King is rightly awarded a decent salary for the first time, and at last gets a chance to share in the rewards he has created for thousands of staff and shareholders through the superb service he has created for air travellers themselves.

Are we now so hypocritical that we baulk at industrialists being paid salaries approaching international levels, while accepting without a murmur the wealth of football idols like Bryan Robson, or pop stars like Elton John or show business entrepreneurs like Richard Branson who also has an airline on the side?

Yours faithfully,
TERRY DICKS,
House of Commons.
August 4.

Academic values

From Mr John O'Connell

Sir, Professor Goodhardt (July 31) no doubt intends to shock readers with the contrast between the £32,000 salary of a potential student and the salary of £15,800 he could offer to a potential lecturer on the City University's MBA (Master of Business Administration) course.

But it is unlikely that Professor Goodhardt would have given "final confirmation that he was doing the right thing in giving up his job" to be a student on the course to an applicant whose present job carried a guaranteed salary into the future of the equivalent of £32,000 now, and had attached to it a non-contributory pension scheme.

The would-be lecturer — who also can put himself into the market to earn £32,000 a year and have the use of a company car — was being offered a job which gives secure employment, on a rising salary scale, with good expectation of promotion to higher scales, and with a guaranteed occupational pension on retirement.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN O'CONNELL,
678 Bradford Road,
Bradley Bar,
Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

Status of hostages

From Sir Alfred Sherman

Sir, Few would doubt the sincerity of Robert Rhodes James's friendship for Israel (letter, August 5); indeed, sincerity is his hallmark in all things. However, the experience of the state of Israel and the Jewish people during our lifetime indicate that sincerity is not enough. Some intellectual incisiveness is also necessary.

The term "escalation" (like its homonyms, "spiral" and "cycle") is a weasel-word, i.e., an inbuilt suggestio falsi, hiding behind its superficial reasonableness. For it imples that if any side were to forego retaliation, the process would come to an automatic end.

But this is wholly untrue. The Arabs of the region have made plain their determination to destroy the state of Israel and its inhabitants (whom the world would no more accept than it did Europe's Jews a few decades back). For Israel to remain passive in face of this drive is to encourage it.

The factor which has really "escalated" conflict has been the transformation of Iran from a balancing factor in Middle Eastern politics to a most militant of anti-Israeli forces, capable of transforming the traditionally passive Shiite community concentrated in south Lebanon into its spearhead.

Israel's capture of one of the clero-commissars of terror may be approved or disapproved. But as a form of retaliation it cannot honestly be placed in the same category as kidnappings by Hezbollah of innocent bystanders, British, American and Irish among others, as a means of exacting concessions.

Yours etc.,
ALFRED SHERMAN,
10 Gerald Road, SW1.
August 5.

Museum mismatch

From Professor Thomas G. Palaima and Professor Cynthia W. Skelmerdine

Sir, Strong competitors for the prize of most irrelevant museum on-site souvenir (Joanna Swan's letter, August 7) must surely be the eight hand-scrubbed and sun-bleached tortoise shells for sale outside the well-preserved Antonine Theatre at Aspendos in southern Turkey.

To our inquiries, the family of entrepeneurial farmers mirthfully agreed that these intriguing souvenirs, quite apart from their irrelevance to the site, had no use whatsoever. They added that only Germans bought them, a source of daily merriment.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS G. PALAIMA,
CYNTHIA W. SKELMERDINE,
As from: 706 Harris Avenue,
Austin, TX 78705, USA.
August 8.

From Mr John Stobart

Sir, Mrs Joanna Swan probably doesn't appreciate the problems confronting those responsible for buying the merchandise for sale in museum shops.

Some 18 years ago, when I was marketing adviser to the HMS Belfast Trust, I listened with interest to the comments of a distant relative who was responsible for the shop at one of the more successful stately homes. In his first year he had selected the merchandise on the basis of his own private assessment, and was fortunate indeed that the first year's stock had been ordered on a sale or return basis. The return element after the first season was very considerable.

In subsequent years he adopted a different form of assessment. Whenever a representative produced an item of such bad taste that it made him wince, he bought it instantly in quantity. His shop's sales increased dramatically.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN STOBART,
Flat 1, 24 Finborough Road, SW10.
August 7.

Falklands rationale

From Mr Trevor J. Brown

Sir, In his article on "Thatcher's Falklands dilemma" (August 3) Andrew McEwen asks why we should retain the Falklands — what is in it for us?

The answer was presumably given by the CIA ship "Glomar Explorer" which, after its survey in 1978 of the 200-mile exclusive economic zone round the Falklands, stated that the zone's hydrocarbon reserves were equivalent to nine times those of the North Sea and greater than all the known reserves of the Middle East.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR J. BROWN,
2 The Glade,
Newbury, Berkshire.
August 6.

Watching China

From Mr T. G. C. Knight

Sir, It is disappointing to read a leader in *The Times* ("China's inglorious army", August 1) which presents such a one-sided view of the Chinese Government and the PLA. No attempt seems to have been made to understand the Chinese Government's position.

The first duty of any government is the maintenance of law and order. There was ample evidence that the Chinese Government had exercised both restraint and patience with an uprising which had gone on far too long, fanned (regrettably) by the Western media on the spot.

Nobody has suggested what other measures might have been possible in the circumstances to restore law and order. And was it really a slaughter or massacre? There was no evidence that the PLA *deliberately* set out to kill people when one of the armies was eventually ordered to clear the streets.

And was it a "pro-democracy movement" as we might understand the expression? The word democracy means different things to different people. What it surely meant to the students was greater liberalism, or (to put it bluntly) a wish for more of the good things of life, which is understandable.

With a population of some thousand million, largely engaged on the land, the Chinese Government must have recognised the difficulties which might arise if the door were opened too swiftly and too widely to the ways of the Western world, even though they have indicated they wish to move gradually into the new commercial world.

Democracy, in its strictest meaning, is probably something the Chinese inherently distrust: Confucius himself said of democracy that "conduct which meets with universal approval is not necessarily right conduct".

If there are some aspects of China's methods of dealing with the post-Tiananmen affair which do not appeal to us, we must recognise that China has to deal with these matters in its own way.

Yours faithfully,
T. G. C. KNIGHT,
Wildewood,
Fielden Lane,
Crowborough, East Sussex.
August 2.

Nature seen as Whitehall pawn

From Sir Ralph Verney

Sir, Derek Ratcliffe in his article (July 15) and Sam Berry in his letter (July 19) were entirely right to stress that the Nature Conservancy is a scientific body which depends for its status and influence on the quality of its scientific knowledge and advice.

Having been privileged to be its chairman during the passage through Parliament of the Wildlife and Countryside Act I could always rely on the accuracy of the scientific team of which Derek was chief scientist and Norman Moore the much respected adviser; and subsequent developments on the Somerset and Pevensey levels, the Broads, the Derwent Ings, the Berwyn Mountains, the Isles of Rhum and Islay and the Caithness Flow Country have demonstrated again and again the unique ecological importance of that scientific integrity which is respected and imitated all over the world.

The Countryside Commission have quite a different job to do, and they do it very well. As arbiters of landscape and public access their role is predominantly subjective, and landscape beauty is not always synonymous with biological health.

The founding fathers of the Nature Conservancy wisely put it under the care of the Lord President of the Council, and built up there its research capacity. This was all destroyed by ambitious Civil Servants in the Natural Environment Research Council who handed over the research function to the pompously named Institute of Terrestrial Ecology.

I cannot believe that the Secretary of State for Wales, who was himself the first and most successful secretary of state for the environment at the time of the Stockholm conference on the human environment in 1972, when public interest in ecology was born, would welcome the dismemberment of the body which, under Martin Holdgate, gave him so much help in those exciting times. Merlins do not speak Welsh, nor corncrakes Gaelic.

Now that we have a new secretary of state, fresh from his triumph in Brazil (report, July 12), with a reputation for green understanding, can we not pursuade him, as Tom Burke suggested in his excellent article (July 27) "to rescind the pointless proposal to dismember" the council and the commission and encourage them both to continue the work they both do so well?

Yours faithfully,
RALPH VERNEY (Chairman, Nature Conservancy Council, 1980-83)
Claydon House,
Middle Claydon, Buckinghamshire.
July 31.

From Sir David Serpell

Sir, The crucial question is, surely, how far nature conservation itself (briefly, the safeguarding of wild plants and animals, and their habitats), as distinct from other interests, would be helped, or disadvantaged, by dismembering the Nature Conservancy Council (letters, July 31).

One hopes, with some confidence, that the new Secretary of State for the Environment will already have asked this question. As, in Gilbert White's words, "candour and openness are the very life of natural history", one hopes also to learn, in due course, what answers he receives, and from whom.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID SERPELL (Chairman, Nature Conservancy Council, 1973-77),
25 Crossparks,
Dartmouth, Devon.
August 4.

South Africa tour

From Mr F. R. A. Williams (jr)

Sir, I was very pleased to read Simon Barnes's column (August 2) on the proposed rebel cricket tour of South Africa. Passions run very high on the matter in my country. It is sad to think that those going on the tour feel they have found a new moral high ground by proclaiming they don't really support apartheid and are only touring for the money.

I applaud those sportsmen who are prepared to take a firm stand and from this part of the world I join Simon Barnes in sending three cheers to Gower, Botham and all those other cricket players whom South Africa failed to get.

Yours faithfully,
F. R. A. WILLIAMS jr,
Chief Rotimi Williams' Chambers,
Palm Grove House,
1 Shagamu Avenue,
Ilupeju, Lagos, Nigeria.
August 5.

Cradle and all

From Mr and Mrs Piers Widdowson

Sir, On Thursday the third of this month our daughter, Jessica, took her first small breath. Her mother, both grandmothers and all four great-grandmothers are delighted. Will actuaries share our hopes for her future?

Yours sincerely,
PIERS WIDDOWSON,
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10 Castleton Court,
Surbiton Hill Park,
Surbiton,
Surrey.
August 7.

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COURT CIRCULAR

HM YACHT BRITANNIA
August 10: By command of The Queen, Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Mr Robert F Delpech at Magnet House, York Street, W1, this afternoon in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Seychelles in London.

Birthdays today

Sir Bernard Ashley, chairman, Laura Ashley, 63; Sir Richard Barratt, Chief Inspector of Constabulary, 61; Mr Don Boyd, film director, 41; Mr G.A. Cass, chief executive, Cambridge University Press, 57; Professor J.R.S. Fincham, geneticist, 63; Professor Alun Hoddinott, composer, 60; Lord Houghton of Sowerby, CH, 91; Professor Derry Jeffares, professor of English studies, 69; Sir Aaron Klug, biochemist, 63; Dame Jean Lancaster, former director, WRNS, 80; Mr Raymond Leppard, conductor, 62; Mr Sam McCluskie, trades unionist, 57; Miss Anna Massey, actress, 52; Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, 56; Lord Poole, 78; Sir Michael Quinlan, civil servant, 59; General Sir Charles Richardson, 81; Mrs Angela Rumbold, MP, 57; Mr Thomas Taaffe, racehorse trainer, 56; the Right Rev J.L. Thompson, Bishop of Stepney, 53; Miss Peggy Thorpe-Bates, actress, 75; Mr Eric Varley, former MP, 57; Professor Sir Angus Wilson, author, 76.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Betterton, actor and dramatist, London, 1635; Joseph Nollekins, sculptor, London, 1737; Rowland Hill, 1st Viscount Hill, general, Hawkstone, Shropshire, 1772; Charlotte Yonge, novelist, Otterbourne, Hampshire, 1823; Christiaan Eijkman, physician, Nobel laureate 1929, Nijkerk, The Netherlands, 1858; Hugh McDiarmid (pseudonym of Christopher Grieve), poet, Langholme, Dumfries, 1892.

DEATHS: Johann Tetzel, Dominican preacher, Leipzig, 1519; James Wilson, politician, Calcutta, 1860; John Henry Newman, cardinal, Edgbaston, 1890; Andrew Carnegie, steel industrialist and philanthropist, Lenox, Massachusetts, 1919; Edith Wharton, novelist, Bricesous-Forêt, 1937; Jackson Pollock, Expressionist painter, East Hampton, New York, 1956.

Two police heroes are honoured

A policeman who was shot dead while trying to foil a bank robbery is to be honoured for his bravery.

Police Constable Frank Mason, aged 27, was off duty and walking his dog when he came upon the raid at Barclays Bank, in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, on April 14 last year. He was gunned down as he grappled with an armed raider.

The Police Memorial Trust announced yesterday that a memorial will be unveiled on September 6 to mark the spot where he was killed.

Another brave police constable, John Taylor, who died after falling through a fifth floor window while struggling with a burglar, is also to be honoured.

A plaque will be unveiled next month to PC Taylor, who died in hospital after the fall in Glebe Street, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

Mr Michael Winner, the film director who is chairman of the trust, said: "Both these men were extremely brave. The police get a great deal of criticism thrown at them. But when they do deeds of great bravery and die the very least the public can do is to say thank you."

Forthcoming marriages

The Marquess of Downshire and Mrs D. Hibbert
The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place between the Marquess of Downshire and Mrs Diana Hibbert.

Mr R.A. Bevan and Miss P.A. Wynne-Potts
The engagement is announced between Robert Andrew, eldest son of the Reverend and Mrs Richard Bevan, Abberley Rectory, Worcs and Penelope Ann, elder daughter of Major and Mrs John Wynne-Potts, 42 Bridgefoot Path, Emsworth, Hants.

Captain N.H.M. Arkell, LI and Miss L.C. Stein
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Myles Arkell, of Witney, Oxford, and Laura, only daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs Ed Stein, of Brampton, Huntingdon.

Mr S.W. Adam and Miss J.P. Marshall
The engagement is announced between Steven, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Adam, of Balmaclellan, Kirkcudbright, and Josephine, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs John Marshall, of Presteigne, Powys.

Mr L.C. Howell and Miss V.S. Elger
The marriage of Laurence Christopher, son of Captain and Mrs L.E. Howell, to Victoria Suzanne, daughter of Mrs M.J. Elger, will take place on Saturday, August 12 in Bristol.

Mr D.F. Godfrey and Miss A.C. Newsome
The engagement is announced between David Francis, second son of the late Sir Walter Godfrey, KBE, and of Lady Godfrey, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Angela Cecile, elder daughter of Mrs W. Boogerman and stepdaughter of Mr W. Boogerman, of Rivermead Court, London SW6.

Mr S.P. Burke and Miss L.J. Nash
The engagement is announced between Stephen Pierre, only son of Mr and Mrs V.J. Burke, of 31 Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone, Kent, and Laura Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Nash, of 'Holmside', Barnet Road, Arkley, Herts.

Mr G. Burnett-Stuart and Miss J. Matheson
The engagement is announced between Geordie, son of Mr and Mrs Joe Burnett-Stuart, of Micheldever, Hants, and Jessica, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Matheson, of Daresbury, Cheshire.

Mr A.J.McD. Nicoll and Miss G. Gwynne-James
The engagement is announced between Alexander, only son of Dr and Mrs William Nicoll, of 19 Moray Place, Edinburgh, and Grania, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs David Gwynne-James, of Whiteways, White Notley, Essex.

Mr P.St.J. Hughes and Miss A.D. Stewart Cox
The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs P.A.M. Hughes, of Ilminster, Somerset, and Anna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T.C. Stewart Cox, of Chirton, Devizes, Wiltshire.

Mr C.R.S. Tatnall and Miss C.E.G. Brodtman
The engagement is announced between Charles Ronald Spencer, younger son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Tatnall, of Cheltenham, and Christina Elizabeth Genevieve, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Brodtman, of London NW11.

Mr J. Robins and Miss K. Moylan-Jones
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian Robins, of Hayling Island, Hampshire, and Karen, only daughter of Captain and Mrs Roger Moylan-Jones, of Torquay, Devon.

Mr A.N.B. Wingfield and Miss C.J.V. Porter
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Mr G.C.B. Wingfield and of Mrs D.H.B. Neal, of Hackney Lodge, Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F.F. Porter, of The Old Bakery, Marlock, Somerset.

Marriages

Mr W.A. Broughton and Mrs J.A. Gregory
The marriage took place in London on Wednesday, August 2, of Mr Andrew Broughton and Mrs Julie Gregory.

Mr R.M. Dykes and Miss E. Halliwell
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 5 at St Mary's Church, Thame, Oxon, between Mr Robert M. Dykes, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. Dykes, of Runcorn, and Miss Elaine Halliwell, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.B. Halliwell, of Thame.

A reception was held at The Bell Inn, Aston Clinton, and the honeymoon is being spent in the Far East.

Mr T.D. Maby and Miss R.M. Peacock
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 5, at St Tecwyn's Church, Llandecwyn, Gwynedd, between Timothy Dobyn, son of Mr and Mrs A.C. Maby, and Ruth, daughter of Rev J.W. Peacock and the late Mrs Gladys Peacock. The Rector, Rev Peter James, officiated, with Rev Alex Kirby and the bride's father. The sermon was preached by Bishop John Spong of Newark, New Jersey.

The choir was formed by members of the Goldsmiths' Choral Union.

The reception was held at the Portmeirion Hotel.



Sir John Egan, chairman and chief executive of Jaguar, who is president of the 1989 Skill Olympics, with Miss Tina Maclean, aged 19, a Jaguar draughtswoman, who will be competing in the engineering section of the Olympics later this month. The Skill Olympics are being held in Britain for the first time this year.

Piping

Tricky conditions for Silver Chanter

Dunvegan has its own microclimate, which is not always the same as that of the rest of Skye. On Wednesday the warm summer evening in Waternish made a contrast with the teeming rain of Sleat. In the Hall at Dunvegan Castle, where the 23rd MacCrimmon Memorial Recital took place, open windows let in the intolerable scourge of the midge. The room was therefore exceedingly warm, which clearly did not help the performers tune their pipes.

This annual event is a recital in which six of the world's best pipers are invited each to play one of the tunes composed by a member of the MacCrimmon family; a prize, the Silver Chanter, is awarded to the piper considered to have played the best tune.

Each piper was introduced by Dr Alasdair MacLean, a noted historian, who gave the large audience an account of the origin of the tune. Deputising as Fear an Tighe for MacLeod of MacLeod, Norman MacLeod of Suardail told those present some of the background to the MacCrimmon tradition and history at Dunvegan and Boreraig.

The MacCrimmons were hereditary pipers to MacLeod of MacLeod from the time of Iain Odhar, in the middle of the 16th century to John in the early 19th century. There is a traditional legend that a silver chanter was given by a fairy to a forebear of Iain Odhar, enabling him to win a contest held by Alasdair Crotach MacLeod of MacLeod, to find the best piper in the world. The present award is named after that legend.

The winner of the Silver Chanter this year was Roderick MacLeod, who played The King's Taxes. This tune has never been attributed to a specific MacCrimmon, and may not be a MacCrimmon tune at all. It is an angular tune which seems to reflect its composer's anguish, and is therefore not an easy one to get a "song".

Iain MacFadyen, who has won the Silver Chanter four times, played Padruig Mor MacCrimmon's immortal Lament for the Children, composed after the death of eight of his nine children in one year. Murray Henderson, who won the Chanter in 1987 and 1988, played the Lament for MacSwan of Roaig, a tune composed on the death of the 20th laird of Roaig, which is near Dunvegan.

William MacCallum, on his first occasion of playing in the Silver Chanter, played one of the great MacLeod Laments, the Lament for Rory MacLoude. It is not certain which of three MacLeod chiefs this refers to, but it may have been Roderick the Witty who died in the middle of the 17th century.

In 1582 the MacLeods successfully fought off an invasion by Clan Donald, one of many which occurred near that time. The tune, commemorating that victory, the Battle of Waternish, was played by Michael Cusack, a piper from the United States of America.

The last to play was Pipe-Major Gavin Stoddart, from the Army Piping School. He played "I Got a Kiss of the King's Hand". There are two well authenticated accounts of how this tune came to be composed. In one of them Padruig Mor MacCrimmon composed it after being presented to Charles II in 1651 after the Battle of Worcester. In the other, one John MacCrimmon the winner of a competition also in 1651 was presented to Charles II and immediately afterwards composed the tune.

The judges for this recital were Alasdair Milne, John Burgess, and Malcolm MacRae.

Angus Nicol

SCIENCE REPORT

Spin off into the unknown

The discovery in January of a pulsar rotating at 2,000 times per second in the heart of the remnant of supernova SN1987A (Science Report, March 23) was followed by puzzlement, because the object has since eluded detection.

Astronomers in Chile observed the pulsar for about seven hours, but all subsequent attempts to detect it at visible, radio, X-ray and gamma ray wavelengths have met with failure.

Some astronomers may regard the inexplicable disappearance with equanimity, because the problems posed by the rapid rotation of the putative pulsar — more than twice as rapid as any other known pulsar — are proving extremely difficult to live with.

The rotation rate of the pulsar is far too high to be stable: a pulsar spinning that fast (the exact figure is 1,968.629 times a second) would tear itself apart. If the pulsar is about 10 miles in diameter, a point on its equator travels at about 62,000 miles per second, or about one third the speed of light.

Stuart L Shapiro and colleagues from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, show in the August 10 issue of *Nature* (vol 340, pp 451-452) that if the pulsar really is spinning as fast as initial reports suggest and still remains in one piece, it will force researchers to re-evaluate many ideas about the structure of matter at the very high densities characteristic of neutron stars.

Pulsars are neutron stars which rotate at high speeds, sweeping the sky with searchlight beams of radiation. These beams are detected as regular pulses of radiation.

The pulsar might just manage to remain intact — but only just — if it is small, compact and compressible, like a squash ball. This would allow the matter in the star to deform and absorb the strain of the rotation rate.

But the researchers show that this only holds for pulsars of a very limited range of masses. Most observational evidence, gathered from other pulsars, indicates that they are stiff and incompressible, more like snooker balls than squash balls.

According to the researchers' calculations, the pulsar in SN1987A cannot be both stiff and spin at nearly 2,000 times per second; in any case, there seem to be no good reasons why the pulsar in SN1987A should be any different from other pulsars. Nevertheless, Shapiro's model allows for some novel theoretical ideas, for example that the pulsar is much denser in the middle than around the outside.

There are a few escape clauses built into the new calculations, which assume that the pulsar will, one day, slow down to a less hectic rotation rate. It could be that the pulsar is atypical, and will collapse to form a black hole once it slows down beyond a certain point. This eventuality is not covered in Shapiro's model; if it is true, then the whole model becomes untenable and researchers will be back to square one.

But if Shapiro and his colleagues do not allow the pulsar to slow down, "spinning up" from a slower rate is also forbidden. According to current models of pulsar structure, it may be impossible for a pulsar's rotation rate to increase beyond a certain point without the star disintegrating. The researchers published this idea in the *Astrophysical Journal* (vol 272, pp 702-707) in 1983, long before SN1987A put the cat among the theoretical pigeons.

Slow pulsars may get faster by absorbing angular momentum from an orbiting companion star (Science Report, January 18). The pulsar literally devours its companion, spinning faster and faster as a result. Most rapid pulsars have companion stars. The few exceptions are believed to have devoured their escorts.

An extreme form of the same thing has been proposed for the SN1987A pulsar, but there are further problems. First reports indicated that the pulsar had a companion, closely orbiting the pulsar once every eight hours. But if this were true, the mystery companion would have to have been orbiting inside the giant star which exploded to make the pulsar in the first place. The dilemma may remain unsolved unless the elusive pulsar is detected again.

Henry Gee

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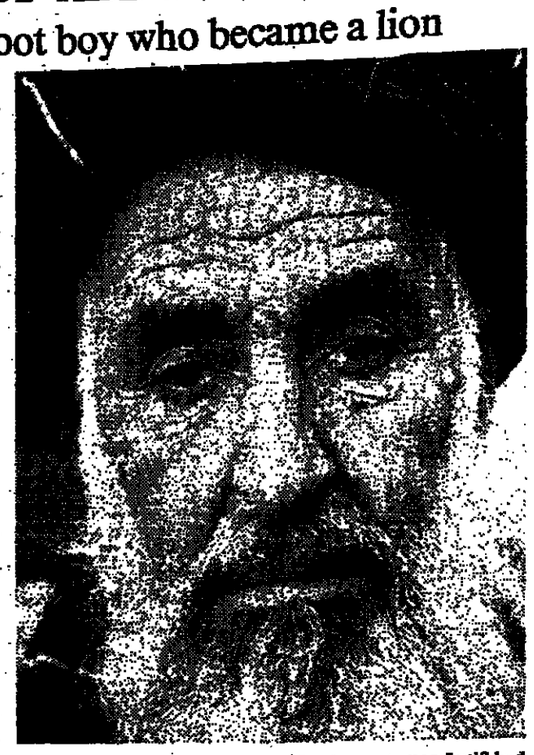
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OBITUARIES

HAJJI ABDUL LATIF

The barefoot boy who became a lion



Hajji Abdul Latif, dubbed by a Western journalist the "Lion of Kandahar," who died on August 7 was one of the most colourful figures of the Mujahidin war against the Soviet Army and the Communist regime in Afghanistan.

He was apparently poisoned by two agents of the Kabul regime's secret service who had penetrated his band. A sad end for so brave a fighter.

Hajji Latif became known in Britain from a BBC television documentary a few years ago showing him in action at Kandahar. This was followed by several other appearances.

Hajji Latif (the title "Hajji" indicates that he made the pilgrimage to Mecca) was born 75 years ago to obscure parents in the Barakzai tribe of Kandahar. In his early years, he joined the Pailuch, or "Bare feet," a sort of lower-class criminal conspiracy against greedy landlords and officials, with certain affinities to the early Mafia in Italy.

It was the custom in Kandahar for poor families with several sons to give one of them to the "Bare feet" fraternity. Children exposed by the roadside for poverty or illegitimacy also tended to end up with them. The bands were notorious for their savage initiation ceremonies.

Latif is said to have made a name amongst them, not only as a successful bandit and "defender of the poor" but also as a breeder and trainer of fighting dogs, going as far as Kabul to arrange and bet on contests.

He spent somewhere between 18 and 21 years in jail for a variety of crimes, including murder. He is said to have always insisted that he was innocent of the specific murder for which he was sentenced, while cheerfully admitting to a large number of others.

Soon after the Communist regime came to power in 1978 Latif began to use his authority among the Pailuch to organize resistance. After the Soviet invasion he was among the first to attack the Soviet Army, and his authority grew rapidly. He was referred to in council for his age and gentleness of manner. In recent years, however, increasing deafness — and, no doubt, personal rivalries — have led to him being left out of the main Mujahidin shuras, or councils, of Kandahar Province.

Latif's base was in the Mahalajat suburb of Kandahar city. He and his men clung on there through 10 years of war; in the face of almost impossible odds, and bombardments which have reduced the Mahalajats of today to a tangle of shattered ruins. He played a leading part in several successful attempts to defeat Soviet and Afghan government efforts to besiege and to crush resistance in Mahalajat. Evidence of the last Mujahidin success, around one year ago, is still scattered on the plain south of Kandahar in the form of wrecked tanks and armoured personnel carriers.

However, as the Soviet withdrawal neared, and the possibility of the Mujahidin actually taking power arose, divisions within their forces became more and more acute. Latif, initially an "independent", joined in 1981 the National Islamic Front of Afghanistan. This party is led by Pir Ahmad Gailani, a "religious" leader with an extensive traditional following in the Kandahar area. The party also supports the return to Afghanistan of former King Zahir Shah. The royal dynasty emerged from the Durrani tribe of Kandahar, of which Latif's tribe is one.

In the past year Latif had played a leading part in resisting attempts by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of the radical Hezbe Islami Party, to extend his power in the Kandahar area with the help of Arab money and the Pakistani secret service.

Latif also resisted Hekmatyar's call for a frontal assault on Kandahar. He argued that his men had relatives in the city, whom he could not endanger. When Hekmatyar visited Kandahar Province two months ago, his acrimonious trip is reported to have ended in a clash with Latif's men, who fired warning shots over their heads.

He also called for the return of the former king. His name has featured in speculation about the desire of his party, if they could capture Kandahar, to break away from the interim government and bring back the king unilaterally.

Hajji Latif is said to have had two wives, one of whom was killed last year when an unexploded bomb being kept in their house went off without warning. He is survived by another wife, and by several children, including his eldest son, Sher Agha, who will inherit as much of his father's power as he can successfully fight for.

JAMES MARKHAM

A cool overseas analyst for *The New York Times*

James Markham, who worked for *The New York Times* and one of the outstanding foreign correspondents of his generation writing in the English language, was found dead on August 9 at his Paris home. He was 46. Police said there was a hunting gun at his side.

Markham had been the American newspaper's bureau chief in Paris since 1987, but was due only next month to return to New York to take up the post of deputy foreign editor.

Markham was intellectually a cut above many of his colleagues. He possessessed a fine mind, but he had learned to write with a simple clarity even on complex political and social problems, as the canons of American journalism require. Colleagues admired his work for its perception and sense of perspective, based on a study of a wide range of subjects over many years. He was also, in turn, a generously appreciative reader of other journalists' work.

Significantly, as a tool of the foreign correspondent's trade, Markham had a command of four European languages — French, German, Italian and Spanish — as well as Hindi and so, unlike many of his colleagues in the American media, did not have to rely for his reporting on translations or the filtering of other nations' subtler sentiments through the English language.

Markham joined *The New York Times* in 1971 and spent most of his years working for the newspaper abroad.

Like many *Times* men he had learned much of the trade with the Asssociated Press, reporting for the American news agency from Africa and Asia. He knew India and Pakistan well, having first worked out of New Delhi in the mid 1960s for *Time* magazine. After a stint there with AP, he returned to the agency's New York headquarters, serving on the foreign desk before being posted to Lagos, Nigeria, as West Africa correspondent in 1970.

Joining the *Times*' New York staff, he first had a beat which included drugs and crime and then from 1973 to 1975 he was bureau chief in Saigon covering the bitter closing stages of the Vietnam War.

He soon moved to another complex and dangerous trouble spot, Beirut, where he reported on the civil war between Christian, Muslim, Syrian-backed and Palestinian factions.

In 1976 Markham was given the Madrid bureau and handled the crucial period following the death of Franco which saw Spaniards make the sucessful transition to democratic government. While covering the Iberian peninsula, and notably the aftermath of Portugal's leftwing revolution, Markham also continued to report on crises in the Middle East.

In 1982 he went to Bonn, where during five years he was able to demonstrate a cool analytical ability on major diplomatic matters such as Germany's evolving relationship with the United States.

James Morris Markham 4th was born on March 7, 1943, in Washington and educated at Lawrenceville School and Princeton, where he concentrated on European history and held a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. He had two years as a Rhodes Scholar at Balliol College, Oxford, which he liked to recall, before deciding to take up journalism.

MATHILDE DANEGGER

No theatre without politics in East Berlin

Mathilde Danegger, the distinguished Austrian-born character actress and leading member of the Deutsches Theater in East Berlin after the Second World War, has died in East Germany at the age of 84.

She began her long career, which was to span nearly 70 years, as a child-actress in Berlin. In 1915 Max Reinhardt engaged the cocksure, little nine year-old at his Deutsches Theater and cleverly exploited her talent to amuse for the benefit of the war-weary audiences in the German capital. Half a century later she was to return to his former theatre both as a leading member of the ensemble and as a political activist.

A gifted member of a well-loved theatrical family and the daughter of actor parents, Mathilde Danegger had no problem getting engagements in the prewar theatres of Vienna and Berlin up to 1932. But a few months before the Nazis' seizure of power, the politically-alert young actress became sickened by the course events were taking and went into self-imposed exile in Zurich.

One of her colleagues at the Zurich Schauspielhaus, where she was working, was Wolfgang Langhoff, the actor and director, and a confirmed anti-Nazi. When he became the first post-war head of Reinhardt's former theatre in East Berlin he had Matilda Danegger join him.

During the ensuing 30 years she was seen, under some of East Germany's leading directors, in a number of subtlety-moulded character parts, that revealed the intellectual powers and instinctive wit of the actress and put a seal on her popularity. Her roles ranged from the quarrelsome Akulina Ivanova in Gorky's *The Petty Bourgeois* to the old Mme Voinitskaya in Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya*.

She also appeared in numerous films and TV plays, in one of which (*The Magic Clock or Tommy Takes His Time*), screened in 1979, she played Temponi, a knowing old fairy-godmother character, who helped a bewildered schoolboy to adapt himself to the new times. It was her favourite role and one that could hardly have been more in keeping with her own philosophy.

Bridge

Great Britain reached the final of the World Junior Championship after an exciting finish with the issue decided only on the last three deals. With twenty deals remaining Great Britain led by 39. With three boards to play the lead had been whittled down to nine. Two slam swings on the last three boards gave the host country a winning margin of 172 to 128.

In the other semi-final Argentina won a close match against Australia 159-147. In the final Argentina had to coinbode 24 points to Great Britain before the match began. That was a carry over of a fraction of the margin by which Great Britain beat Argentina in their match in the qualifying Round Robin.

After 32 boards from 96 Great Britain lead 91, 42. In the play off for the bronze medal after 32 of 64 boards France lead Australia 77-40.

Latest wills

Mr Henry Fleetwood Andrews, of Church Farm Oasts, Salehurst, East Sussex, Harry Andrews, the character actor, best known for his deployment of a commanding cleft chin in the roles of sergeant-majors and similar no-nonsense characters, left estate valued at £250,546 net.

Mr Ronald Ernest Summerfield, of Bayshill Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £3,964,358 net. After family bequests, and gifts to Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum, including his collection of Japanese and other swords, he left the residue to the Summerfield Charitable Trust.

Mrs Jacqueline Sara Webster, of Well Cottage, Trewarveneth Street, Newlyn, Penzance, Cornwall, left estate valued at £2,116,547 net.

Mr Edward Horton Hubbard, of Prenton, Merseyside, architectural historian, left estate valued at £167,178 net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

So ought me to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth himself. Ephesians 5:28

BIRTHS

ALEXANDER - On August 4th 1989, to Vanessa and James, a daughter, Eloise Claire, a sister for Lauren.

ALLEN - On August 2nd 1989, at Brighton, to Liz (née Clay) and Chris, a son, Nicholas William Edward.

BIGNELL - On 8th August 1989, at U.C.H., to Sarah (née Houghton) and Michael, a daughter, Alexandra Emily Olivia.

BUCKLEY - See Campbell.

BURROWS - On August 8th, to Penny (née Jones) and Eric, a daughter, Antonia Chloe.

CAMPBELL - On 7th August, to Grumsy and Alex, at St Albans, Francesca (aka *bumpy!*) arrived at 1.26 am.

COLLS - On August 2nd 1989, at Queen Mary's Hospital, to Karen (née McCormick) and Andrew, a son, Oliver.

CROWLEY - On August 8th, to Isabel and Peter (Kathmandu), a daughter, Vanessa Isabel Maria, a sister for Michael.

DOUGLAS-PENNANT - On 4th August, to Sarah (née Gurney) and Hugh, a son.

FARRINGTON - On August 3rd, to Megan (née Hughes) and Neville, a daughter, Amy Louisa. With thanks to all at Queen Charlotte's.

GOODWIN - On August 7th, to Juliette (née Bacon) and Alexander, a daughter, Roseanna Margaret Denise, a sister for William.

GOULDER - On 8th August, to Marian (née Biddell) and Patrick, a daughter, *Katharine Alice*. Gratia Dei.

HOARE - On August 10th, in Hong Kong, to Rosemary (née Newton) and Richard, a daughter (Katharine Joan).

HOPE - On August 8th, to Rosanna and Andrew, a son, Oliver Hugh, a brother for Clara.

HOWE - On 22nd July, to Jane (née Tripcony) and David, a son, Richard Colin Thomson.

HUNTER BLAIR - On August 6th, to Pol and Tom, a son, Jack David Hamilton.

IRON - On 8th August, to Lizzie and Richard, a son, William John.

LEADER - On 9th August, to Roger and Sarah (née Samuels), a son, Edward Alexander Colledge.

MAIDENS - On August 8th 1989, to Victoria (née Giddins) and John, a son, Frederick Henry George.

MERCHANT - On 8th August, 1989, to Rosamund (née Baker) and Roger, a son, Nicholas Guy, a welcome brother for Alexander.

O'HARA - On August 9th 1989, at 9.30 pm, at Farnborough Hospital, Kent, to Laura and Lionel, a son, Harrison Hamilton, a grandson for Ivan and Mitzie.

SCOTT - On 7th August 1989, at *Royal Gwent* Hospital, Newport, to Erica (née David) and Alastair, a son, Ivor Dixon David, a brother for Gordon and Malcolm.

SHINNIE - On August 7th, at St Thomas's Hospital, to Erica (née McFarland) and Paul, a daughter, Emily Margaret.

SIBBERT - On August 4th, to Sarah (née Kempster) and Graham, a son, James Edward, brother for George.

STRAUSS - On 7th August 1989, to Sally (née Ragol-Levy) and Edwin, a daughter, Paula Charlotte, a sister for Claire.

TOLLER - On August 7th, to Anna and Mark, a daughter.

WOODWARD - On 4th August, to Amanda and Andrew, a daughter, Emma Juliette, a sister for Nicholas and Alexandra.

DEATHS

BAKER - Julia Dorothy Anne (née Squire), beloved mother of Candy, Tessa, Ellie and Charlie, died on August 8th. Rest in Peace.

BATES - James, suddenly, at St George's Hospital, on 10th August 1989. Beloved husband of Margaret and much loved father of Ian. Funeral private. No flowers please.

BEVEN - Lillian, peacefully at home, on August 8th, in her 97th year. Beloved mother of Herbert and Elizabeth and devoted grandmother of Timothy and Anna. Strictly no mourning. Service at St Mary's Church, Bishopstoke, Monday August 14th at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Mary's Church or Research into Arthritis, c/o Rogers Funeral Directors, 64 Market Street, Eastleigh, Hampshire.

BRIGHAM - On August 8, Robert Fenwick (Bob), aged 59, suddenly but peacefully at Rye Memorial Hospital, after a courageous fight. Private service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, on Tuesday August 15, followed by a Memorial Service at Ewhurst Church, Ewhurst Green, Sussex, at 12 noon. All enquiries to K.B. Sills Ltd., Kenwood, High Street, Cranbrook, Kent. Tel: Cranbrook 712284.

CHAPMAN - On August 4th, as a result of a car accident, Margaret, beloved wife of Professor Dennis Chapman, daughter of Mrs. Elsie Stephenson and loving mother of Michael, Alison and Paul, grandmother of Tamsin, Hannah and little Emma. Her sudden death is painful to all of us. Funeral Service at the Chiltern's Crematorium, Amersham, on Wednesday August 16th at 2 pm. Flowers to H.C. Grimstead, Tilbury House, Beaconsfield or donations if desired to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

CHITTENDEN - On August 9th, 1989, at Saffron House, Bristol, Christopher George Scobel, aged 87 years, formerly of the Royal Navy. No flowers please, donations if desired for R.N.L.I. may be sent to R Davies & Son, 381 Gloucester Road, Bristol BS7 8TN.

de SOLA - Raphael David de Sola, on August 9th 1989, aged 86, peacefully at home after a long illness. Son of the late Clarence and Belle de Sola of Montreal, Canada. Funeral has taken place.

EELES - On August 9th, peacefully at home, Kathleen Mary Eeles J.P. Much loved sister of Henry. Funeral at St Albans, Frant, Friday August 18th at 12 noon. Garden flowers only please.

GRACE - On Saturday August 5th 1989, Stanley Gustave le Carpentier Grace. Husband of the late Elmina, of Daniel Street, Bath. Funeral Service St Mary's, Bathwick, on Tuesday August 15th at 11 am, followed by interment at Haycombe. Flowers may be sent to Jollys Funeral Directors, 7 Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath.

HOLMES - On 9th August 1989, peacefully in hospital, after a long illness, John Nigel, aged 58, beloved husband of Olwen and a loving father of Andrew, Catharine and Stephen. Funeral and Thanksgiving Eucharist at Holy Trinity Church, Hermitage, Newbury, on Tuesday 15th August at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Cut flowers to R. Burgess & Son, Hermitage or donations to Cancer Research. Requiescat in Pace.

HOTHFIELD - On August 10th, peacefully, at Addenbrookes Hospital, Evelyn Margarette, wife of Bill Hothfield. Cremation private. No flowers, but donations if desired to Friends of Barkway Church, c/o Cecil Newling, Funeral Director, 3 Green Drift, Royston, SG8 5DB. Service of Thanksgiving to be announced later.

HUNGERFORD - On August 8th, at the Black Rock Clinic, Dublin, Helena Frances Maud, late of Ballyrisode House, Skibbereen, Co. Cork, younger daughter of the late Mr & Mrs Walter Hungerford, of London, Ontario. Funeral at St Bartholomew's Church, Ballsbridge, Dublin, on Monday August 14th at 11.30 am.

HURSWORTH - On 1st August 1989, very suddenly, Daniel James Hursworth of Ramsey, Isle of Man and Ibiza, deeply regretted by his wife Bella and their 10 children. Funeral has taken place in Ibiza. Any enquiries to Jonathan Hursworth, tel: (0273) 580009.

LAWRENCE - Commander Dr. Sydney, Grand Master of the International Chivalric Order of Knights of Justice, beloved husband of Iris, died peacefully after a brief illness at St Charles Hospital, London, on August 3rd 1989. The funeral has already taken place.

MATTHEWS - On Wednesday August 9th, Hebe, peacefully, after a long illness bravely fought and with great dignity. Beloved wife of the late Freddie, much adored mother of Lawrence - Lydia and Penny and their husbands Diamantis and Jimmy and devoted grandmother to Constantine, Christopher, James, Marissa, Freddie and Alexandra. Funeral service at St Michael and All Angels, Sunninghill, on Tuesday Aug. 15th at 2 pm, followed by private burial. Flowers and enquiries to: F. Harrison and Son, 40 Harvest Road, Englefield Green. Telephone: Egham (0784) 432163.

McNAIR - John, Lord, on Sunday 6th August, as a result of a road accident, in his 75th year. Dearly loved by all. Funeral 3 pm on Tuesday 15th August at Cheltenham Crematorium. No flowers by request. Donations to Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth or The British Refugee Council, Charity No. 283993, Bondway House, London SW8.

MITCHELL - On August 9th, peacefully, in his 89th year, after a long and fulfilled life, John, beloved husband of Nora, father of Pat, Peter and Paul, grandfather of John, Peter, James, William, Louise, Jacqueline, Olivia and Mark and step-grandfather to John. A Remembrance Service will be held at Harrow-on-the-Hill in September, date to be notified.

PAINTER - On 6th August 1989, suddenly at his home, Neil Stamford MS, FRCS, FACS. Deeply mourned by Joy, Richard, Mark and his many friends.

PARIS - On August 7th, in hospital, Kees, dearest husband of Jemma, father of Corné and Yolande, stepfather of Kim and Jan.

ROSS - On August 9th 1989, in Charing Cross Hospital, after a long illness, Nancy Ross, of Kensington W8, only daughter of the late Mr & Mrs Geoffrey Goodman. Church Service at St Mary Abbotts, Kensington Church Street, Thursday 17th August at 12.15, followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium. Flowers to Kenyon, 132 Freston Road, London W10.

RUSSELL - On 8th August, peacefully, at Throwleigh Lodge Nursing Home, Woking, Audrey Russell M.V.O. Funeral Service, Thursday 17th August, at All Saints Parish Church, Leavesden, Horseshoe Lane, Garston, Watford, at 11 am, followed by Committal Service at West Herts. Crematorium, Garston, at 12 noon. All enquiries to Woking Funeral Service, tel: (04862) 61754.

SALMON - On August 8th 1989, Neil - Lawson, suddenly, aged 68 years. Much beloved husband of Yvonne, father of Roger and Zoe, grandfather of Felix, Rhian and Kirsten, father-in-law of Erika and Malcolm. Funeral Wednesday 16th August 1 pm at Mortlake Crematorium. No flowers please.

SAPIEHA - Prince Jan, Knight of Malta, Captain Polish Air Force in Great Britain 1940-1945, born 26th April 1910 in Spusza, Poland, died in London, 7th August 1989. The Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's Catholic Church, Cadogan Street SW3, on Tuesday 15th August 1989 at 1.30 pm, followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium. Instead of flowers, donations if desired to The Polish 'Sikorski Institute', 20 Princes Gate, London SW7.

TUFTON - See Hothfield.

WEMYSS - On 9th August, at *Donnington, Alice Kathleen*, aged 90, widow of Lt. Col. Alexander Wemyss. Much loved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral and cremation at the Oxford Crematorium, Headington, Oxford, Wednesday 16th August 3 pm. Flowers may be sent to Camp Hopson, Funeral Directors, Newbury, Berks.

WYNN-POPE - Inga, on Wednesday 9th August, at Westminster Hospital. Widow of Charles and beloved mother of Rhodri and Rosamond. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 15th August at 3.45 pm. No flowers please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HAWKINS - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of George Robert, Lieut. Col. Royal Marines, will be held at the Lord Mayor's Chapel, College Green, Bristol, on Friday Sept. 1st at 12 noon.

PEARCE - A Memorial Service and Requiem for the life of Dr. Edith Jane Legerton Pearce, will be held at St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate, on Monday August 21st, at 2.30 pm.

ROXBURGH - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Margaret Jean Roxburgh, OBE, hospital almoner, will be held at Midhurst Parish Church, West Sussex at 3 pm on Friday 1st September. Trains will be met on prior request - telephone: (073081) 3382.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

CHAMBERS - Dorothy 1909-1986. A dear mother, remembered with love as ever. I.M.

MOORE - 11 Aug 1931, Oscar Louis Wood (1846-1931), father of the late Constance (Svendson), Eleanor, Olivia (*Smedley*), Barbara, Hilda (Fairman), Eva Mercy ('Johnny') and Captain Joseph Oscar Daniel (6 June 1944) R.I.P. and of Major Philip Louis Daniel R.A.

ROWLANDS - Bryan Cleveland F.R.C.S. Loving remembrances today and always.

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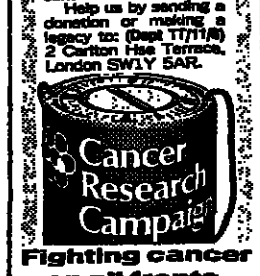
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UNLESS you file an answer within 42 days the application may proceed. A copy of the application is available without charge from:
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REGISTRAR

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No 003480 of 1989
IN THE MATTER OF TT GROUP PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, dated Tuesday 25th July 1989, confirming the reduction in capital of the above-named company as at 18th May approved by the Court, showing the several particulars required by the above named Act was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 27th July 1989 and a Certificate of Registration by the Registrar of Companies *was issued on 31st July 1989.*
Messrs Gouldens
of 22 Tudor Street
LONDON EC4Y 0JJ
Solicitors for the above-named Company
Dated 4th August 1989

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE MATTER OF C BIO (EUROPE) LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the UNSECURED CREDITORS will be held at Price Waterhouse, 10 Bricket Road, St Alban's, Herts, AL1 3JX, on Tuesday 22nd August 1989 at 11 00 am for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and the progress of *the receivership* together with other matters stipulated by Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Unsecured creditors of the above company may obtain copies of this report free of charge from Price Waterhouse, 10 Bricket Road, St Alban's, Herts, AL1 3JX or by telephoning (0727) 44155 and asking for extension 2358.

Please note that a person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if the provisions of Rule 3.11(1) Insolvency Rules 1986 have been complied with, namely that:
(a) he has given to the administrative receiver not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt he claims to be due to him from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provision of Rule 3.11(2)(7) and,
(b) there has been lodged with the administrative receiver any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated 7th day of August 1989
D M Ghosh FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 6 124(1)
In the Matter of CHRISTOPHER JUDE SWINGLE (IN BANKRUPTCY)
Southend County Court No. 61 of 1989
Notice is hereby given that L Melvyn Laurence Rose, of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe and Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed as Trustee of the above-named Estate on 17th July 1989.
MELVYN L. ROSE.
F.C.A. F.C.C.A
TRUSTEE

PARK GUARDIAN LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 EASTBOURNE TERRACE, (2ND FLOOR), LONDON, W2 6LF, on Thursday, the 7th day of September, 1989 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated 2nd day of August 1989
PAZIA KALFUS
Director

IN THE MATTER OF ACOMEX LIMITED
(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOHN DONALD COLEMAN and DAVID ALAN ROLPH both of ST. PAUL'S HOUSE, WARWICK LANE, LONDON EC4P 4BN, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 3rd August 1989.
Creditors are required on or before 15th September 1989 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the *liquidators, and, if so required by* notice in writing from the liquidators, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debtors are proved.
Dated 4th day of August 1989
DAVID ALAH ROLPH.
Joint Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF AVON DECOR LIMITED
(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
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AUGUST 11 **ON THIS DAY** 1911

Within a few hours of the House of Lords passing the controversial Parliament Bill, which gave the Commons control over all finance legislation, the Members had voted themselves (256 against 158) a yearly salary of £400 — equivalent today of £16,860.

THE PAYMENT OF MEMBERS

The CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER *[Lloyd George]* then rose, amid cheers, to move that provision should be made for the payment of a salary of £400 to every member of the House who is not in receipt of a salary as an officer of the House or as a Minister, or as an officer of the Household.

After reminding the House that the principle of payment for members had been repeatedly affirmed by very considerable majorities, he recalled the fact that immediately before the General Election, the Prime Minister stated that he intended, if the Liberals obtained a majority, to carry the matter further. So the constituencies had full notice... He laid great stress on the fact that the conditions of Parliamentary life had changed enormously in the last two generations. The work of Parliament was now infinitely greater in volume and the demands made upon members were very much greater than in the days when Governments had no legislative programmes in the modern sense. Constituencies now insisted on the constant attendance of their representatives, who, if they performed their duty, had very little time to give to private business... The democracy desired a free choice of doctors for the treatment of their evils. Members of Parliament, he submitted, ought not to come to Westminster as representatives of special organizations, trade unions or other; they ought to represent constituencies, and this the Labour members would do when payment was enacted. Then there were men of wide culture and high purpose whose services in the House would be invaluable, but who could not adopt a political career for want of means. He combated resolutely the argument that the payment of members would degrade public life.

MR LEE moved an amendment inviting the House to decline to provide money for the payment of members, because such payment would be an indefensible violation of the principle of gratuitous public service, would involve the taxpayers in heavy and unnecessary expense, and would encourage a demand on the part of members of local bodies to be paid for their services, and because there would be a peculiar impropriety in members voting salaries to themselves. After marshalling with perspicuity and force the familiar arguments against the payment of members, he declared that it was a humiliating and repellent spectacle to see the House of Commons helping itself out of the pockets of the taxpayers just after it had taken into its own hands by force the supreme control of the nation's finances...

The right hon. member for East Worcestershire, [Austen Chamberlain], recapitulating the main arguments against the motion, maintained that it would be a great *misfortune* if the practice of gratuitous service were abandoned and members of the House of Commons and of other bodies were converted into salaried officials. Attempts had been made to draw an analogy between the payment of unofficial members and the payment of Ministers, but there was not really any analogy, because Ministers were servants of the Crown who were expected to serve the country exclusively. He should be very sorry if every member had to devote the whole of his time to the work of the House, for that would lead to the exclusion of prominent professional and commercial men, and all the different aspects of the national life would cease to be represented...

Storm brews over world chess venue

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

The World Chess Federation (FIDE) meeting yesterday in Puerto Rico, has set Lyons in France as the venue for the 1990 World Chess Championship match. The French bid amounted to 3 million Swiss francs in prize money.

But the way this decision was made is certain to lead to controversy, for by fixing the venue so early FIDE, with its flamboyant president, Florencio Campomanes, has deliberately excluded the players from the decision-making.

Mr Bessel Kok, the Belgian millionaire who heads the Grandmaster Association, which represents the interests of the top players, and grandmaster Jan Timman (Holland) the world championship semi-finalist, both attended FIDE meetings in Puerto Rico. But FIDE officials pointedly ignored them. Mr Kok actually walked out of one key meeting, stung by hostile remarks from Mr Mohammed Ghobash, of Dubai, the Arabic Deputy President of FIDE.

Wellington, New Zealand, put in a rival bid to Lyons for the 1992 World Chess Championship. But the New Zealand bid was withdrawn by Mr W Poole, President of the New Zealand Chess Association. FIDE officials had objected to the apparently reasonable New Zealand condition that the championship match must be a contest involving both the world champion and his challenger.

FIDE had, remarkably, changed its own rules the previous day to allow a world championship match between "the challenger" and "the reserve challenger", should the champion, Gary Kasparov of the Soviet Union, refuse to defend his title on the terms dictated by the World Chess Federation.

There is a strong belief among experts that FIDE, notably hostile to Kasparov, is attempting to create a crisis which would provoke him into refusing to play. In that case, according to FIDE's new rules, the championship match could still be held — presumably between two grandmasters who in the world body's eyes are less troublesome and less outspoken than Kasparov.

Reaction to the FIDE move from some Western delegates was strong. Professor Nathan Divinsky, the Canadian representative to the World Chess Federation, said that the FIDE manoeuvre was "like holding a wedding without either the bride or the groom."

Gary Kasparov speaking from Sweden where he is about to compete in the final leg of the World Chess Cup, told me yesterday, "FIDE has gone too far this time. They have lost all sense of reality. It is impossible to determine the venue for the world championship match with no reference at all to the players concerned. The FIDE match may be in Lyons, I don't care. They can hold it there if they like. Their actions are now irrelevant. I will decide after the World Cup has finished how to proceed."

Kasparov evidently has no intention of kowtowing to the World Chess Federation decision and experts think he may attempt to revive the New Zealand bid but with the Grandmasters Association, not FIDE, as the organizing body. This decision will probably come at an extraordinary general meeting of the Grandmasters Association scheduled for Palma de Majorca in December.

Meanwhile in the First Computer Olympics at London's Park Lane Hotel, the lead in the Chess section has been seized by the "Fidelity Edmonton" machine with three points from three games. In the bridge section "V-TECH" has a commanding lead and is likely to win the gold medal. Fidelity is an American program while V-TECH has been programmed by Mr Tony Guilfoyle of Twickenham, west London. In the Computer Olympics no less than 86 separate computer programmes from 16 different countries from around the world are participating for medals in Chess, Bridge, Backgammon, Go and ten other intellectual sports.

Rotten teeth lead to Roman dentist's surgery

By Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

A Roman dentist's surgery has been identified in the Forum of ancient Rome with the discovery of nearly 90 rotten teeth. It was situated under the main stairway to one of Rome's most prominent temples, where the dentist seems to have doubled as a barber's shop and beauty salon.

The discovery was made during investigation of the substructure of the Temple of Castor and Pollux, a building still striking to the modern eye because of its three standing Corinthian columns of white marble. Rebuilt in AD 6 by the Emperor Augustus on an earlier platform, the temple base included 29 *tabernae* or shops.

Each was about 12 ft by 6, offering well-lit and sheltered working conditions on the street frontage, just off the open space of the Forum, the marketplace and principal social centre of ancient Rome.

The shop had a drain cut into its floor, and in this were found 86 teeth, including two child's molars. Most of them were heavily pitted by caries, and one was so badly decayed that the dentist had had to remove part of the jawbone as well, by pinching it to the rotten stump.

"The tooth was removed with the remains of its decayed crown still intact, a drastic but successful alternative to breaking the crown off at the root," the Scandinavian excavators of the site report in the current issue of *Archaeology*.

A certain amount is known about Roman dentistry from authors such as Pliny the Elder — who recommends placing grains of sand from the horns of snails into rotten teeth to *cure toothache* — and Aulus Cornelius Celsus in the first century AD, who gives detailed precautions for avoiding post-operative infection.

One of these is to remove fragments of broken jawbone — exactly the technique demonstrated by one of the teeth found recently.

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French classes

TELEVISION

Ian Penman

The same day that Canada was trying to offload a large consignment of PCBs on the UK, *Europeans* (BBC2) gave us a peek at France's world of BCBGs. Neither has anything to do with a food additive scare, or *satellite* broadcasting, but Gallic pronunciation made them sound very similar. The BCBGs (it sounds like "beastly Bee Gees", further confusing the issue) are members of France's *Bon-chic-bon-genre* class, very roughly the French equivalent of Sloane Rangers.

Or so one had thought, going by previous magazine articles, and a *Radio Times* billing. But this unfocused report from French television seemed to cover the waterfront of glitzy aspirations. Baguette fights there were none — *in fact*, hardly an 'Ooray 'Enry was to be seen, for this was very *much the distaff side of monied* vulgarity. What emerged was not Sloanish in tone, so much as Bimbo Esperanto: a cosmopolitan — but not *Cosmopolitan* — identikit ID based on tenets of purposive shopping and practised snobbery, wrought in the bloodless language of old-style women's *magazine* journalism: "Everyone should try to find the right accessories *to suit them!*" The featured finishing school was not so much old-style as positively *ancien régime* — "Always give clergy a good seat".

What was on show did not seem particularly French, although (s)eating arrangements had a suitable finesse — "Art before money, I *think*!" Such *fun-poking* documentaries are probably too easy — *every class has its unclassy fringe*, but the antics of yahoos and yobbos make for "better" television.

The report at least drove home the point that "position" has a myriad subtle resonances in any language. It was really driven home by the second report ("Sans *Domicile Fixe*") *on the position in* French society of the *nouveau pauvre* — that is, spurned, and sleeping in the subway. The Escher treadmill for the homeless/unemployed of "no address, no appointment" did not seem a specifically French affliction: we are all Europeans now.

Try *to imagine a country* where the poorest streets are kept scrupulously clean; where there are still street parties and chats through the kitchen window. Such was the sobering picture which emerged of La Victoria, a decimated but still (more) defiant Chilean shanty-town in *Under the Sun: Adios General* (BBC2). If I were Pinochet, I'd start filing for shady European citizenship now.

Martin Spence on the cartoon character, Tintin, whose sixtieth birthday is being celebrated in an international touring exhibition

The whole, exaggerated truth

It has been a terrible year for Tintin. Building the replica moon rocket *from Destination Moon* to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the moon landing, and more importantly, Tintin's 60th birthday, proved an aerodynamic nightmare.

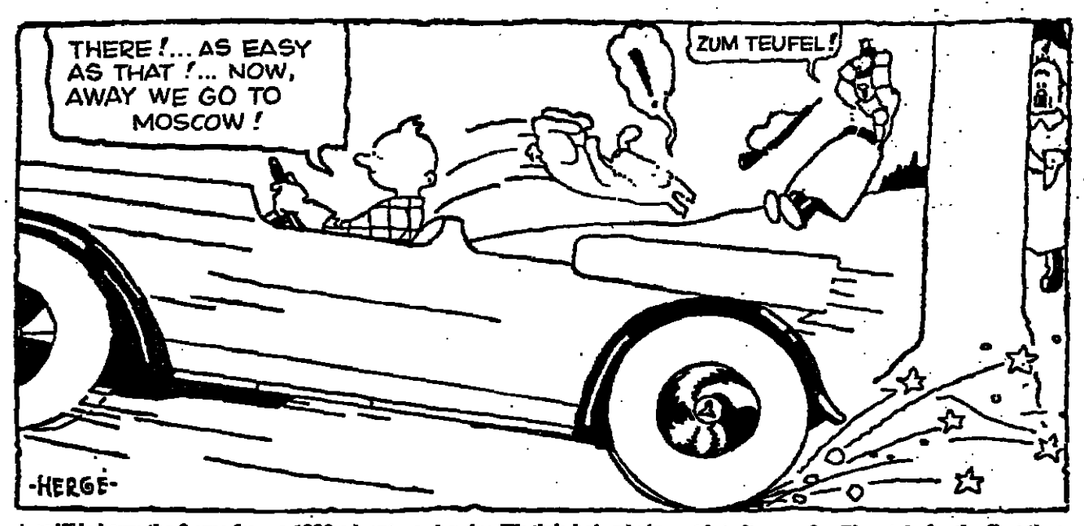
Then he was identified point-blank with his creator, Hergé, on the strength of a 15-year-old *interview. He was accused* of being anti-communist, anti-Semitic and even worse, anti-Green; and finally branded as a Nazi, on the strength of a single postcard showing him in the uniform of the Reich.

Not since Hergé's American publishers *removed every picture showing Captain* Haddock drinking from a bottle has there been such a public fit of morality. Happily, *Tintin: 60 Years of Adventure*, the exhibition currently showing at Chelsea Old Town Hall (until August 27), reflects something much truer to the spirit of the greatest European cartoonist of the century.

And something much more fun. Remember the dazzling sequence in the *Inca adventure when Tintin*, Haddock and Snowy swing through the curtain of the waterfall and into the labyrinth of caves that leads them to the throne room of the Inca? Imagine those caves and tunnels, ink-blue and pierced with shafts of light, illuminating not decaying Inca burial trophies, but more than 250 original Tintin drawings and artefacts.

Imagine, too, a circular temple of Tintiniana as bright and sparkling as the *Inca treasure itself. Add to this displays of* everything from scale-models of Captain Haddock's ancestors' ship, The Unicorn — correct down to the finest detail — to replicas of the very bone used in the mock camera to steal King Ottokar's sceptre. Now you understand why this exhibition has already been mobbed in Brussels, Angoulême and Paris.

Seeing the original art-work for all the Tintin albums from 1930 to 1983 brings *home a simple truth. They are not* primarily novels, political statements or allegories: they are cartoons, as practised *by the cavemen of Lascaux*, Leonardo and the creators of *Viz*.



A quiff is born: the frame from a 1929 adventure showing Tintin's hair windswept into its now-familiar style for the first time

Primitive, uncomplicated and instinctive, they are the simplest form of art there is. They select the single, visual element that embodies character most notably, and then exaggerate it. Their satire is a form of sympathy. They make you laugh. Look at the dog-collared, lion-chasing mission*aries and jovial man-eating crocodiles of Tintin in the Congo* and you soon see. Stereotypes are only stereotypes *because* they contain a large element of truth.

The primitive tribes of the Belgian Congo in the 1920s were not the people of a modern African state. They were more innocent and childlike, they did things rhythmically, they did have the lips that made Jagger a star. There have even been Italian primadonnas like Bianca Castafiore, *with parrot-noses and weight* problems, driven by ambition, conceit and kindness. And dogs like Snowy do like bones.

Here, then, is all the serendipity of Hergé's art in action. As Tintin develops, not from a Nazi, but from his prototype, the Boy Scout Totor, his quiff born in 1929 as he jumps from an open Mercedes pursued by the Berlin police. Here is the art that anticipated Lichtenstein and Warhol by more than 30 years.

Each sketch grows like a palimpsest. Each integrates both words and pictures in a manner revolutionary at that date, and rarely equalled since. Seriousness came with *The Blue Lotus* (1936) which gave the critics licence to view even light-hearted later albums like *The Castafiore Emerald* as existential tracts. The visual evidence shows why. Not only is the cartoon form transformed into a dramatic and moving commentary on the whole problem of Asia, but the graphics are stylized, with decor and details reduced to essentials.

So extraordinary is their brilliance in black and white, and so appropriate their unforced simplicity to the Chinese setting and to Chinese art, that you wonder why they were ever published in colour. Then, suddenly, a pure cartoon pops out: ex*clamatory, basic, speech-bubble shouting.*

Blistering barnacles! At every turn there is something odd and interesting: artwork with the speech-bubbles chopped off, back-to-back displays of successive versions of the adventures showing Hergé's extraordinary skill in refining and recolouring. Even a characteristic piece of cartography, looking more like a fur coat than a map of Europe.

I stopped at the classic sequence from the American adventure which shows the rape of the Red Indian people in one powerful page. And then again at the preliminary pencil sketches for *Tintin in Tibet*, with their strange gravity of tone. The crumpled aircraft crashed in the Himalayas with no sign of life, its propeller limp and twisted. The footprints of the Yeti in the snow. And then, as with the shark in *Jaws*, less powerful when you *finally see it*, the oddly sympathetic figure of the Yeti himself, King Kong-like, he dwarfs both Tintin and the frail figure of Chang, the friend feared dead and found alive.

Out of Tyrolean folk art, Catholicism and Scouting came Hergé. *Out of Grimm*, gangsters and Chicago came Disney. True, Hergé's art is cinema on paper — it builds, it grows, it cuts, it jumps — but it has enduring moral substance and lacks the gratuitous violence of Disney. And whereas Hergé proceeded to write *the history of the 20th century* in *Bande Dessinée*, Disney never developed beyond a masterly visual technique *and a* fixation with fairy-tale.

Impossible to imagine another Bambi than Disney's stylized, wimpish French poodle — until you see Hergé's frightened, desperate, black sheep. Impossible to imagine the suicide of the tortured, tragic moon-rocket engineer Wolff in any other cartoonist. Impossible to imagine Disney *saying*, as Hergé did: "*I draw passionately*, furiously, I rub out, I scratch out, I explode, I slave away, I swear, I pierce the paper."

Go to Chelsea now — the exhibition moves on to Hungary and Tokyo. See Tintin in cowboy chaps, bananas growing *upside down* and a three-headed Snowy tempted by the devil. Enjoy the Belgian *dialect in the early speech-balloons*, revealing sketches of a bootless Haddock, the Yeti with the human heart. Bathe in the sea-blue colour-washes of *Tintin in America*. Ponder the significance of that immutable quiff. Peer into the tin of crabmeat until you find opium. And then say you prefer Disney.

● Tintin: 60 Years of Adventure, *at Chelsea Old Town Hall, Kings Road, SW3, until August 27, daily 10.30am-8pm.*

Début of a bold baritone

OPERA

Arabella
Glyndebourne

It is the first time Britain has heard this full-bodied Wagner baritone, and it should not be the last. Resonant and robustly integrated, the voice carves out strong, sculpted phrases, pushing excitingly against Strauss's orchestral vortex.

Nuance and contrast of timbre are not its strong points; but then they have little place in Hillebrandt's characterization, either. During the period of *'Arabella's* gestation, Strauss's librettist, Hofmannsthal, had to warn the composer that, as warmly as he may have spoken of him, Mandryka was certainly not to be the opera's leading figure. The peasant from the Black Sea, who finally wins Arabella's hand, has certainly had more than his fair share of attention this season at Glyndebourne.

Since Sergei Leiferkus withdrew from the role, it has been shared by Peter Weber (whose performance John Higgins reviewed here last month) and Oskar *Hillebrandt, who has just taken* over for the remaining five performances.

This Mandryka is almost Othello-like in the intemperance of his emotions. The voice is as quickly kindled as his love, anger and remorse; and when he loves her not, chaos is come again.

The tension in the shoulders is indicative more of pent-up energy (he gives Waldner a bruising bear-hug) than of the slight reticence and awkwardness which must also be part of Mandryka's character. *Hillebrandt just misses this* dimension; and, with Felicity Lott becoming just a little too consistently self-assured, even self-conscious, their double-act loses some of its piquancy.

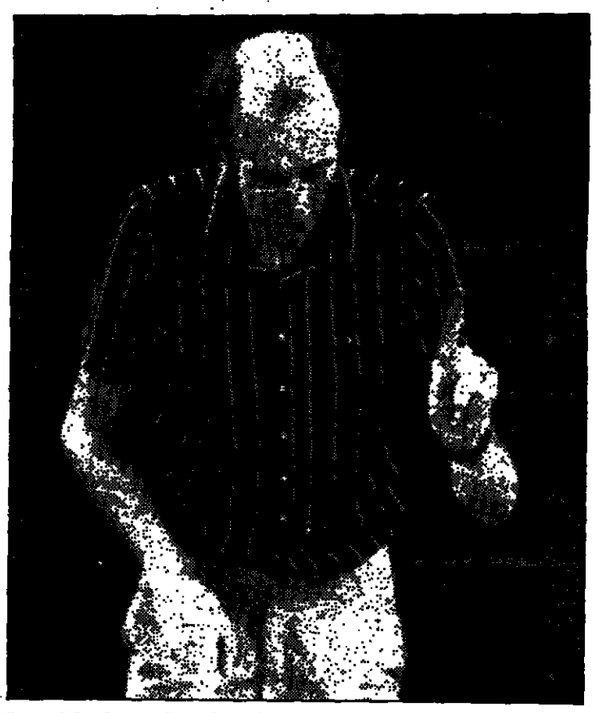
Hilary Finch

In the shadow of Messiaen

PROMS

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James Wood: experienced conductor who seemed nervous and distant

There *is some tradition* now of a little new music being siphoned off from the major Proms into a smaller venue — in the early 1970s Boulez shunted us into the Round House; now the place is Kensington Town Hall — but happily the *BBC continues its policy of* commissioning orchestral pieces *for the Albert Hall.*

Of course, not every resultant work is going to be a winner, but a piece as ambitious as James Wood's *Oreion* reminds us of what would be lost if we did not have the Prom commissions, which now *provide virtually the only opportu*nities in this country for youngish composers to write *big* works for big orchestras.

Wood's title, not a misprint for the name of the great winter constellation, is to be read as "of mountains", which signifies the scale of the imagining, even if, less fortunately, it reminds us of the mountain music of Messiaen — a *daunting comparison, but a just* one, in that Wood's orchestration, giving prominence to wind and percussion (often to the extent that the strings seem virtually redundant), and his conception of music in blocks and parallel streams are both Messiaen-like.

There are, in the wild climactic *section of the piece, eight streams* of activity going on at once, but just as characteristic are the sparer moments, like the opening, where a solo trumpet gathers quiet echoes as well as winding counterpoints from violin and piccolo clarinet.

As in *The Rite of Spring*, elemental fanfares and pipings are a deceptively gentle prelude to earth-heaving violence, exuberance and dance. One might also think of Birtwistle's *The Triumph of Time*, which Wood's piece recalls in its processional character, its recurrent vein of soprano saxophone tone and its clattering xylophones.

Messiaen, Stravinsky, Birtwistle . . . and one might add Varèse, all of which must suggest that *Oreion* is rather weighed down by its debts. And there could well be a reason for that. Hitherto Wood has produced his best work for *percussion and voices, media with* which — this can hardly be coincidental — he has practical experience as an extraordinary percussionist and choral conductor.

Here his conducting of the BBC Symphony Orchestra appeared distant and nervous and I wonder if this might not have been a better piece, *and a better performance, if* the commission had allowed for a *spell of working with the orchestra* at a couple of points during the composition.

***Oreion* is full of magical instants — like the opening, or the sudden entry of struck wood sounds, or the rattlings on woodblocks that echoed through the whole space, or the close in sprays of cloud — but *perhaps a closer working relation*ship with the orchestra would have given Wood the confidence to pursue his imagination more consistently.**

Later in the evening, siphoned off into Kensington Town Hall, the Nash Ensemble gave the first performance of Rupert Bawden's *Ultima scena*. The composer has described this as "exploring *shades of grey", but if so* the shades would have to be pearl and silver.

This is sumptuous, teasing music, shiny and splashy in its surface of darting and echo, never very far removed from Ravel's similarly scored *Introduction and* Allegro. It had a lustrous performance under the composer's direction.

Paul Griffiths

MONDAY

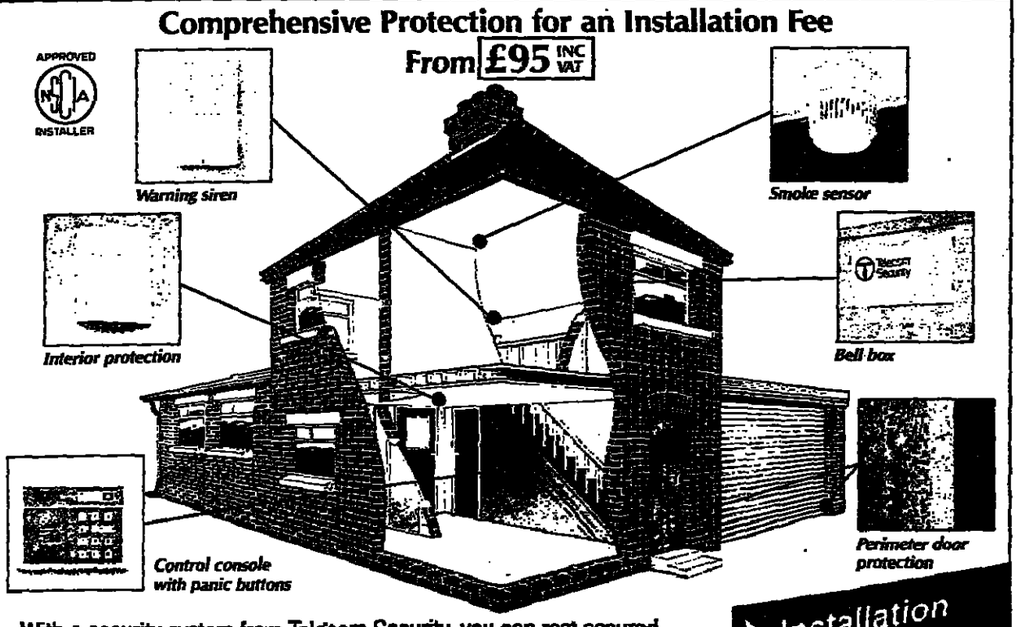
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Julian Ellison files his first report on the Fringe. *Plus:* Hilary Finch on *Salome*, Wilde's play, Strauss's opera and their relation to the biblical original

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THE ARTS 2

Jeremy Kingston on the friendly rivalry between two neighbouring Canadian festivals

Shaw and Shakespeare

Two hours away from each other across the rolling plains of southern Canada, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Stratford, Ontario, profess feelings of friendly rivalry towards one another. Relations are doubtless made the easier by Niagara's mandate, restricting it to the works of Shaw and his contemporaries; Stratford's repertoire centres upon Shakespeare but is open to range in time between Aeschylus and Ayckbourn.

The current policy of including at least one money-spinning musical in the season does not present Christopher Newton at Niagara with too awkward a problem, since Shaw's 94 years overlap the greater part of the American musical's Golden Age. He could even have mounted *Kiss Me Kate* (1948), this year's runaway success at Stratford, but his financial problems are less acute than theirs — which is not to say they are absent. He nevertheless feels freer to experiment, and one of his team of directors, Allen MacInnis, has mounted a cracking production of *Good News*, the 1972 college musical.

Of the non-musical productions the four I saw divide neatly into the poor and the magnificent. Ponderous direction by Tony van Bridge made heavy weather of *An Inspector Calls*. Today's audiences anticipate Priestley's moves so easily that a production, paradoxically, must draw attention away from plot and on to character, what there is of it.

John L. Balderstone's bittersweet romance of 1926, *Berkeley Square*, was a more interesting failure. This is the one about the 20th-century American who slips back into the skin of his 18th-century ancestor and has a bad time of it, on the whole. Falling in love with the woman his ancestor did not marry is his principal error. Some of the cast's speaking was actually hard to make out, and though Peter Hutt has a go at the metaphysical anguish and Mary Haney, with greater success, at love's sorrows, the production never manages the eerie sense of dislocation in time. Scene changes are laborious, and playing the well-known song as an intro to each act is a terrible idea. In spite of this, worth the try.

The two Shaw plays naturally offer more substance, but the directors show altogether better grasp of the material. Marti Maraden's gorgeous work on *Getting Married*, at the all-but-arena of the Court House, makes this comedy of conversation a joyous theatrical event. The actors get the style right, the Edwardian postures, the tone of voice. George

THEATRE FESTIVALS

Niagara-on-the-Lake and Stratford
Ontario

Dawson's fastidious High Anglican is a masterly study of comical gloom; also fine are the serio-comic scenes between Simon Bradbury's smart young Hotchkiss and Susan Wright as an imperious earth-mother. But Shaw gives almost all the large cast a scene in which to shine and they do so with relish.

Christopher Newton sets his own production of *Man and Superman* against the subtly minimalist square arches of Eduard Kochergin, chief designer of the Gorki Theatre, Leningrad. They bear an arcane relationship to the bellows of a giant camera but, what is more important, their airy yet confident lightness frames and concentrates attention upon the dialogue. Eleven of the 40 performances will be including the *Don Juan in Hell* scene, taking the total performance length to close on five hours. The scene is essentially an argument for three voices — William Hutt as Ramsden/Commendatore, Barry MacGregor a charming, grainy-voiced Devil and Michael Ball's Don — but Newton solves the inescapable problem of animating the talk by bringing on the contentious brigands of the previous scene as Satanic guests. They listen attentively and afford interest for the eye. Their presence is no distraction but it offers relief.

Kate Trotter's curiously scampering, girlish version of Ann brings rewards in the play's resolution; Ball's Jack Tanner is the best I have encountered: young, charming, fervent and able to make Shaw's arguments seem his own.

Newton has been artistic director at Niagara for 10 years: Stratford is again at a watershed. John Neville, having clawed the company out of the red, is leaving and David William takes over next year. *The Three Sisters*, Neville's disappointing farewell, and William's production of Dekker's disagreeable *Shoemakers' Holiday* share similar faults: the actors do not belong in the costumes. Stratford has this enormous costume department where seamstresses lovingly put millions of stitches in lovely-looking velvet. But on the stage this perfection is inert. Characters have the unreality of figures in a Book of Hours.

It is fortunate the season includes John Wood's Edwardian *Henry V* and Richard Monette's *The Relapse*, with its blissfully funny Lord Foppington from Brian Bedford. Wood's cast master the verse as ably as Monette's manage the conventions of Restoration — where many English actors these days fail. William Needles in British Legion uniform thrillingly speaks Chorus, and while the production takes any sensible opening to be amusing — "After the Ball" sung as prelude to the unmasking of Scroop — the play's uglier subtext is not neglected. Those who only know the edited version used in Olivier's film may be surprised to hear how nastily Henry speaks of rape and spitting infants at Harfleur. Geraint Wyn Davies's Henry is heroic without pomp, inspiring while never veering into rant. Impressive in its details, the production is triumphantly entertaining.

DAVID COOPER



Charming devil: Barry MacGregor in George Bernard Shaw's *Don Juan in Hell*, at Niagara-on-the-Lake

DANCE

Looking back

Scottish Ballet
Robin Anderson Theatre, Glasgow

Twenty months after the death of its founder director, Peter Darrell, the Scottish Ballet is still coasting along on the impetus he left. Perhaps last season's initiative of inviting the Kirov director, Oleg Vinogradov, to create a new *Petrushka* will open up new avenues for the future, but the programme premiered on Wednesday was essentially backward-looking.

Not that there can be any complaint about a revival of the ballet that made Darrell's name and led directly to the existence and survival of the company. In 1957, *The Prisoners* had an extra impact because at that time nobody else in British ballet had tackled themes of direct emotional crisis and sexual motivation in a contemporary setting.

But what makes the work endure is its clear insight and vivid expression, not its shock value. Darrell made roles in which the dancers could communicate character and feelings, and in the new cast Karl Burnett catches well the opportunistic uncertainty of the young man who escapes from prison only to find himself trapped more unbearably than before, with Catherine Evers credible as both bait and gaoler.

This strong dramatic meet was sandwiched unhappily between two slices of rather tired stodge. Jack Carter's *Grand Pas des Fiancés*, receiving its Scottish Ballet premiere, was created three years after *The Prisoners*, but could be much older. It is a display piece for six women to music from



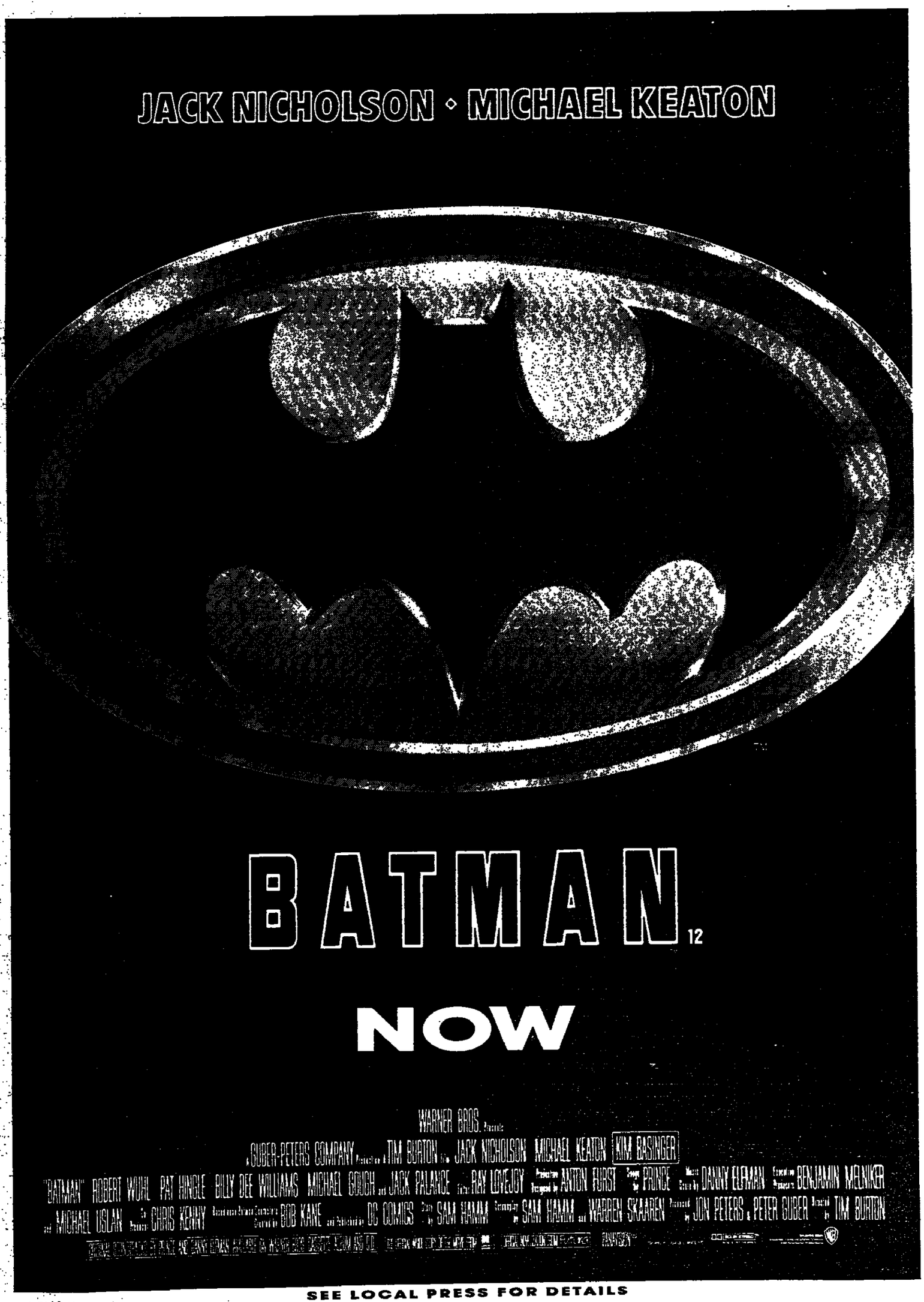
Carl Burnett, Catherine Evers

Swan Lake, which was then mostly unfamiliar, although used by several choreographers since.

The dances follow Petipa's principles in giving each soloist a different range of steps: mainly fast turns for Linda Packer, little jumps for Dawn Haley-Clark, big jumps for Elspeth Shaw. They were the most successful members of a cast that proved (especially on this small stage, with the audience rather too close for comfort) somewhat uncertain for a ballet demanding absolute confidence and bravura display.

After beginning the evening with this, one wanted something more substantial than the three duets that finished it, even though Noriko Ohara and Robert Hampton brought emphatic showmanship to Darrell's staging of the *Nutcracker pas de deux*. After Glasgow, the programme is to tour small towns in the Highlands. As this is the only live ballet they are likely to see all year, Scotland's scattered audiences deserve something more satisfying, which only *The Prisoners* provides here.

John Percival



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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **ANIMAL FARM:** First ever Soviet production of George Orwell's classic fable, adapted by Sergei Task as a *musical satire, presented by Moscow* Players Studio Theatre, directed by Leonid Gerchekov.
Friends House, Euston Road, NW1 (01-226 8025). Tonight and tomorrow only, 7.30pm. £6 (£5 concs).

☆ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Angela Richards as their mother.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, *and Sat 4-7pm, £6.90-£18.50.* (D)

☆ **A FLEA IN HER EAR:** Jim Broadbent, *Linda Marlowe, Roger Lloyd Pack, in the* classic Feydeau farce, using John Mortimer's translation, directed by Richard Jones.
The Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £4-£15, mats £3-£12. (D)

☆ **FRANKIE AND JOHNNY IN THE CLAIRE DE LUNE:** Julie Walters and Brian Cox *in predictable sentimental* love affair between Manhattan small-hopers.
Comedy Theatre, Panton St, SW1 (01-930 2578) Tube Piccadilly Circus Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-10.45pm, mats Fri and Sat 6-8pm, £4-£15.50.

☆ **LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS:** Judy Buxton, Debbie Arnold, Josephine Tewson and Bruce Montague, directed by Christopher Sandford in Neil Simon's comedy, completing a national tour.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (01-240 3861). Mon-Fri 7.30pm; Sat 8pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Fri 4.30pm, Sun 4pm. Until Sept 2. £8-£15.

☆ **A MADHOUSE IN GOA:** Vanessa Redgrave, Rupert Graves in Martin Sherman's hit play about self-*destructive film-makers on holiday in* Greece.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.10pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.40pm, £5-£15.

★ **THE MERCHANT OF VENICE:** Dustin *Hoffman leads a high-quality cast in* Peter Hall's production now extended until September.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 2pm, £8-£17.50.

OUT OF TOWN

☆ **ERIC:** The ever-inspired Theatre Caddis returns with a fable about a man who becomes dangerously hungry after he cuts down a tree. Writer Eleanor Zeal won a Fringe *First award for The Tainted Honey of Homicidal Bees* at last year's Fringe.
The Gilded Balloon Theatre and Studio, Venue 38, 233 Cowgate (031 226 2151), 4.15-5.45pm, £4 (concessions £3). Until Sept 2 *(not Suns).*

☆ ***HANGING THE PRESIDENT:*** Harrowing first play from Michele Celeste, who won the International *prize in the 1988* Mobil/Royal Exchange New Writing competition.
Traverse Theatre, Venue 15, 112 West Bow, Grassmarket (031 226 2633), until *Sun 7.45-9.45pm, then Aug 15-20, 4.30-*6.30, Aug 22-27, 7-9pm, Aug 29-Sept 2, 2-4pm, until Sun £4.75 (concessions £2.50), then £5 (concessions £3).

FILMS

■ *Also on national release*
☎ Advance booking possible

ANOTHER WOMAN (PG): Woody Allen's reflective story about a middle-aged college professor (Gena Rowlands) celebrating her 50th birthday (81 min).
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs *3.20, 5.10, 7.15, 9.10.*

■ **THE 'BURBS (PG):** Comic slice of *suburban paranoia from Gremlins* director Joe Dante, with Tom Hanks, Bruce Dern and Rick Ducommun as suburbanites obsessed with their strange new neighbours (102 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 6.35, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). *Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.35.*
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45.

■ **DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS (PG):** Funny re-make of the 1964 *Bedtime Story* with Steve Martin and Michael Caine as two competing con-men on the French Riviera. Directed by Frank Oz (110 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs *1.35, 4.00, 6.55, 9.25.*
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 12.55, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40, 6.05, 8.40.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 5.50, 8.20.

■ **DO THE RIGHT THING (18):** A stifling hot 24 hours in Brooklyn, when petty disagreements turn into a full scale riot (120 min).
☎ **Empire** (01-437 1234). Progs: 1.00, *3.45, 6.45, 9.30.*
Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 3.10, 6.00, 8.25.

HOW TO GET AHEAD IN ADVERTISING (15): Bizarre satirical comedy from Bruce Robinson (writer-director of *Withnail and I*), with Richard E. Grant as an advertising hot-shot undone by a boil on his neck (93 min).

Lumiere (01-836 0691). *Progs 2.35, 4.40, 6.45, 8.55.*

■ **INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE (PG):** Steven Spielberg's latest box office hit starring Harrison *Ford and Sean Connery (127 min).*
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.00.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.30, 5.40, 9.15
☎ **Empire** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.30, 3.15, 6.15, 9.15, 11.55.

THE KARATE KID III (PG): John Avildsen's continuation of the story of the Kid. Now, a year later, he is taken on *by Mike Barnes, who is trained to fight* dirty (112 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 5.55, 8.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). *Progs 12.30, 3.00, 5.40, 8.25.*
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.55, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.30, 5.55, 8.25.

■ **LICENCE TO KILL (15):** Timothy Dalton returns as James Bond on a *mission of vengeance in Latin America.* A superior adventure directed by John Glen (113 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.50, 6.15, 9.10.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 11.50, 2.45, 5.40, 8.40.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). *Progs 1.30, 5.15, 8.30.*
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 10.55, 2.00, 5.15, 8.30.

THE RETURN OF THE MUSKETEERS (PG): Strained sequel to the Musketeers films of the mid-seventies. Richard Lester directs; the cast includes Michael York, *Oliver Reed, Kim Cattrall and Roy* Kinnear (who died during shooting) (100 min).
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.45.

WOMEN ON THE VERGE OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN (15): Carmen *Maura and Antonio Banderas in strange* Spanish comedy-thriller directed by Pedro Almodovar (89 min).

Cannon Piccadilly *(01-437 3561). Progs* 1.40, 3.45, 6.00, 8.20.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 3.00, 5.00, *7.00, 9.00.*
Minema (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 2.50, 5.05, 7.05, 9.00.

Another face of Salome



Their *Aida* was outrageous, their *Magic Flute* a pageant of harmless and childlike fun, their *Turandot*, last year, one of the most economic, serious and moving stagings of Puccini Britain had ever seen. Now the Folkopera of Stockholm turn to *Salome*; and it is anyones' guess what this small, innovative team will make of Richard Strauss's one act, based on Oscar Wilde's play. The story of the step-daughter of Herod who falls in love with the chaste prophet Jokanaan (John the Baptist), dances her Dance of the Seven Veils to demand Jokanaan's head, and who, like all true late Romantic lovers, finds consummation in death, has been treated to distinctively contrasting stagings in Britain even within the last year. Claes Fellbom, from Stockholm, will doubtless pare the powerful music drama down to even barer essentials: like Salome herself, we may well be invited to hold Infinity in the palm of our hands and Eternity in an hour (or an hour and a half). For the first time, Fellbom's production team joins a cast of young British singers and an augmented Scottish Chamber Orchestra especially for the festival under Kerstin Nerbe with decor by Sören Brunes. Leith Theatre, Edinburgh (031 225 5756), *7.45-9.45pm, £3-£9.50* (previews today and Sunday). ***Hilary Finch***

CONCERTS

TODAY

☆ **LATE WORKS:** Sir John Pritchard conducts the BBC SO in Brahms's Symphony No 4, Mozart's Symphony No 41 "Jupiter" and Richard Strauss's 4 *Last Songs (Felicity Lott, soprano)* — late works all.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212), 7.30pm, £3-£11.

TOMORROW

AMINTA MUSIC: Donald Hoskins conducts the Aminta Chamber Orchestra in Rossini's Sonata No 1, Elgar's Serenade, Howells's Elegy, *Holst's St Paul's Suite and Bloch* Concerto Grosso No 1.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq, London WC2 (01-839 1930). 7.30pm, £4.50-£11.

☆ **BRITISH YOUTH FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA:** A new work, Ixion by Lyell Cresswell, Weber's Clarinet *Concerto No 1* and Elgar's Symphony No 1 form the programme which is conducted by Sir Charles Groves. In aid of the Prince's Trust.
Central Hall*, Venue 100, Tollcross (031 668 2019),* 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50 (concessions £2.50).

SUNDAY

☆ **BWV BY BMW:** Sponsored by BMW (GB) Ltd, the opening concert of the "Towards Bach" series has the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment with the Cantata Choir and soloists performing Bach's *Schleicht, spielende Wellen* Cantata BWV 206 and *Vereinigte Zwietracht der wechselnden Saiten* Cantata BWV 107. Gustav Leonhardt conducts.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). 7.45pm.

OPERA

☆ ***ORFEO ED EURIDICE:*** Harry Kupfer's updated inner-city Gluck production for the Komische Oper, who *presents the composer's 1762 Vienna* version with Jochen Kowalski as Orfeo.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, *London WC2 (01-240 1066). 6.00-*10.30pm, £2.59-£75.

★ **THE RAKE'S PROGRESS:** Revival of Hockney-designed Stravinsky production.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111). 5.30-9.50pm, returns only.

L'ITALIANA IN LONDRA: Cimarosa's first great success is given a rare airing.
Opera House, Buxton, Derbyshire (0298 72190). 7.45-10.15pm, £6.50-£25.

ROCK

TODAY

☆ **SANCHEZ:** *One of the biggest stars* of the reggae dance hall scene. His bizarre cover versions, anything from All Shook Up to Trains, Boats and Planes, are remarkably effective.
The Humming Bird, Dale End, Edgbaston, Birmingham (021 236 4236) 8pm-2am, £7.50.

TOMORROW

☆ **THE STONE ROSES:** Tuneful *Manchester psychedelia from the flared* trousered darlings of the independent scene.
Empress Theatre, Winter Gardens, Blackpool (0253 27786) 7.30pm, £6.

SUNDAY

☆ **ATAWINAS PLUS HUELLAS:** Atawinas are Aymura indians from Bolivia and Huellas are Ecuadorians who play traditional Andean music.
Waterlow Park Bandstand, Highgate Hill, London, N6 (01-860 5866) 1-4pm, free.

☆ **J.B. ALLSTARS:** Once the musicians *behind the funk of James Brown and* George Clinton, Maceo Parker and Fred Wesley.
The Fridge, Town Hall Parade, London, SW2 (326-5100) 9pm-2am, £6.

JAZZ

TODAY

☆ **ALAN BARNES:** Echoes of Sonny *Stitt and Coleman Hawkins from the* unfashionable but exciting ex-Tommy Chase saxophonist, leading a quartet including pianist Dave Newton.
Brighton Jazz Club, The Concorde, *Madeira Drive (0273 606460) doors* open 8.30pm, £3.50.

☆ **HORACE SILVER:** Closing nights from the Blue Note pianist and a young band including Out Of The Blue soloists *Michael Mossman (trumpet) and Ralph* Bowen (tenor saxophone). Support from the Stan Tracey Quintet.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747) tonight & tomorrow, 9.30pm, £12 (members £6).

☆ **SCOTT HAMILTON:** The American tenor player provides sumptuous re-creations of mainstream standards. Backing from the Brian Lemon Trio.
Pizza Express*, 10 Dean St, London W1* (01-439 0747) until Sun, 9.30pm, ring for prices.

TOMORROW

☆ **JAZZ IN THE HAY:** Two-days of trad from such stalwarts as Monty Sunshine (Sat) and Harry Gold (Sun).
The Pavement, Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire (0497 820080) tomorrow and Sun, day tickets £20 Sat & £15 Sun.

GALLERIES

TODAY

WILLIAM CROZIER: Broadly executed *landscape paintings,* prints and monotypes based on travels throughout the *country.*
The Scottish Gallery, 94 George St, Edinburgh (031 225 5955). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Sept 6.

WILLIAM MCTAGGART (1835-1910): A full career survey for a painter billed as Scotland's greatest landscape artist.
Royal Scottish Academy, Princes St, Edinburgh (031 556 8921). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, £2.50, until Oct 29.

PATRONS AND PAINTERS: *Art in* Scotland from 1650 to 1760, culminating in the exquisite portraits of King's Painter and pamphleteer Allan Ramsay.
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Queen St, Edinburgh (031 556 8921), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, £2, until Oct 8.

EUAN UGLOW: Thirty-two paintings, mainly female nudes in life class poses made since 1953, by a latterday Euston Road School painter.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High St, London, E1 (01-377 0107), Tues-Sun 11am-5pm, free, until Sept 3.

TOMORROW

ARTISTS IN NATIONAL PARKS: Commissioned works by established *artists such as Anthony Eyton, Peter* Greenham, Richard Long and Hamish Fulton, designed to foster greater *awareness of the national parks of* England and Wales.
Gas Hall Gallery, Birmingham. From today.

WALKS

TODAY

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK ***HOLMES:*** *Meet Embankment* tube, 11am, £3 (01-441 8906).

MAYFAIR AND THE GEORGIANS: Meet Green Park tube, 2pm, £3 (01-882 3414).

TOMORROW

THE LONDON STORY: Meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £3 (01-937 4281).

THE LONDON OF JACK THE RIPPER: Meet Tower Hill tube, 2pm, £3 (01-937 4281).

OTHER EVENTS

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY SHOW: Three day show with numerous arena events, *including* battle re-enactments, livestock, horticulture, stalls and trade stands, full refreshments.
Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley Abbey, Hampshire. Today until Sun, 10am-6pm. Adult £2, child £1, car park £1.

FESTIVAL FOLK CONCERT AND CEILIDH: Gala evening with one of Scotland's foremost Ceilidh bands — *An Tasliach* — plus many other musicians and singers. Light show, licensed bar, food.
Pittenweem Fishmarket, The Harbour, Pittenweem, Fife. 8pm-midnight. Tickets, £2 & £3. (Box office 0333 311495).

INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA: More than 70 balloons of all shapes and sizes ascend — weather permitting — at 6am and 6pm over the next three days. Continuous entertainment on the groung being ascents including today and tomorrow; fireworks, the Red *Devils, games, and Sun; sheepdog trials* and dog show.
Ashton Park Estate, Bristol. Today until Sun. Free

GARDENS

TODAY

SHROPSHIRE: ***Benthall Hall***, Broseley, B4375; owned in 19th century by George Maw, famous botanist and plant collector, authority on genus *Crocus*, many of whose plants still grow in *garden; rock gardens, pools, shrubs,* many unusual plants; to end of Sept, Tues, Weds and Suns, and bank holiday Mons, 2-6pm; last admission 5.30pm.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: 38 Cecily Hill, on W side of Cirencester, nr gates into park; garden on two levels, 500 different perennials; admission 80p, child free; Suns Aug 13 and 20; 2-6pm. Also open same days, included in the admission *charge, 42 Cecily Hill, medium-sized* town garden, walls, clematis a speciality, rose, herbaceous, pond, rock garden, shrubs; 2-6pm.

FIFE: Gardens at Pittenweem, nr Anstruther and Elie; a goodly number of small gardens of various styles in this beautiful burgh; exhibitions of contemporary art; "nice dogs" welcome; tickets and map only from *Brown's Close on N side of Market* Square; admission £1.50, children and OAP's £1, admits to everything; tomorrow and Sun, 2-6pm.

POWYS: Five gardens at Kerry; 3m S of Newtown take A489 to Craven Arms; *large variety of plants and features; start from Kerry Lamb car park; combined* admission £1, child 10p; Sun, 2-6pm.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: Holdenby House, 7m W of Northampton, signed from A50 and A428; Elizabethan garden, fragrant and silver borders; rare breeds of farm animals, model trains, falconry centre; admission £1.70; child 80p; open Suns and bank holidays until Sept, also Thurs in Aug; 2-6pm.

OXFORDSHIRE: Wardington Manor: 5m NE of Banbury on A361; 5 acres, *topiary, rock garden, flowering shrub* walk to pond; admission 80p, child free; Sun 2-6pm.

Theatre: Tony Patrick; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Toop; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Gardens: Roy Hay.

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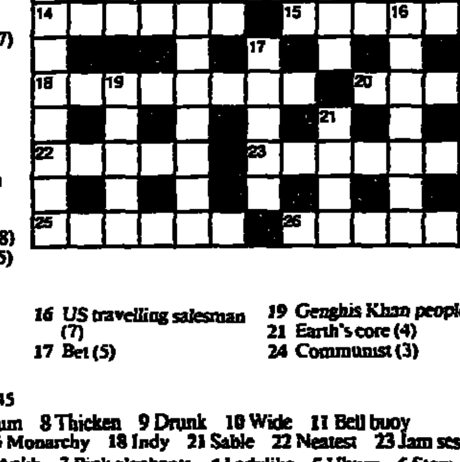
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3 (2) Lethal Weapon II
4 (4) When Harry Met Sally
5 (3) Batman
6 (–) Lock Up
7 (6) Honey, I Shrunk the Kids
8 (–) Young Einstein
9 (5) *Friday 13th VII*
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WORD-WATCHING

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WHAUP
(b) The curlew, an imitative name with undertones of sadness, connected with *whaup* a pea-pod, from the *OE hwilpe* a kind of seabird, cognate with *whelp*: "About the graves of the martyrs the whaups are crying."

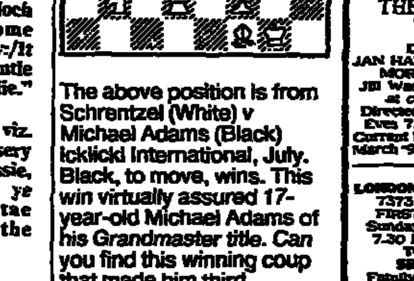
HORNIE-GOLOCH
(a) From the old Scottish nursery rhyme this is the earwig: "The hornie-goloch is an awesome beast,/Soople and scaly:/It has twa horns and a hantle of feet,/An an forkie tailie."

BAUDRONS
(b) Pet name for a cat, viz. the Scottish variant nursery rhyme: "Poussie, poussie, baudrons,/Whaur hae ye been?/I've been tae London,/Tae visit the queen."

SELCHIE
(c) The Great Selchie of Sule Skerry was half man, half seal, the island equivalent of a satyr or mermaid: "I am man upon the land, I am a selchie in the sea, an whin I'm far from every strand, *my dwelling is in* Shool Skerry."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is from Schrentzel (White) v Michael Adams (Black) Icklicki International, July. Black, to move, wins. This win virtually assured 17-year-old Michael Adams of *his Grandmaster title. Can* you find this winning coup that made him third youngest GM in history behind only Fischer and Kasparov? The winning move will be given in *tomorrow's Times.*

Solution to yesterday's position: White wins material with 1 Ba5.

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Now Booking Autumn 1989 **THE MAGIC FLUTE/ KATYA KABANOVA/ A MASKED BALL/ STREET SCENE/ THE RETURN OF ULYSSES/ MADAM BUTTERFLY** Season starts August 24

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL OPERA with The London Philharmonic Today & Tue at 5.30 **THE RAKE'S PROGRESS** Sun at 4.25 Wed at 6.25 **ARABELLA**
with The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. Tomor & Mon at 5 **LE NOZZE DI FIGARO** All performances **SOLD OUT** For possible returned tickets/recorded information Call 0273 541111

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01 928 8800 Eves 7.30. Thurs & Sat Mat 2.30 **ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET** Last perf ton't, tomor Hynd's **COPPELIA** tion't: Beriosova/ Schaufuss/ Grant. 14-19 Aug Makarova's **SWAN LAKE** 21-26 Aug Ashton's **ROMEO & JULIET**

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. **KOMISCHE OPER** Ton't. 8.00 **Orpheus and Eurydice.** Tomor 7.30 **Bluebeard. Season ends Sat. Autumn Season opens 12 Sept**

THEATRES

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STARRING IAN McDIARMID
Dir by STUART BURGE
"UTTERLY COMPELLING" T.Out
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DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc (no bkg fee) 836 8108 cc 24hr 7 days (bkg fee) 379 4444 240 7200 Grps 831 2771
MISS SAIGON
Red Prevs fr Sept 4 Opens Sept 20

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837 cc 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 Grps 836 5123 **COMEDY OF THE YEAR** Olivier Awards 1989 **HANNAH GORDON** in **WILLY RUSSELL'S "GBH"** **SHIRLEY VALENTINE**
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LETTICE AND LOVAGE
By PETER SHAFFER
Dir MICHAEL BLAKEMORE
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Previews from August 15
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JACK LEMMON in MICHAEL GAMBON
VETERANS DAY
A new play by Donald Freed
Directed by Kevin Billington
Evgs 8.0 Mats: Thurs 3.0 Sat 5.0

HER MAJESTYS Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 **ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL**
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DAVE WILLETTS
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LYRIC Shaftesbury Ave Credit Card bkg only 379 4444 (24 hrs) 741 9999 no bkg fees Groups 930 6123 **ANTHONY NEWLEY STOP THE WORLD I WANT TO GET OFF** Previews from 13 Oct

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01-741 2311 From Aug 17 Sheila Hancock in **PRIN** by Andrew Davies. **STUDIO** The Cotswold Theatre Group in Jean-Paul Sartre's **HUIS CLOS** starring Susan Dury, Kate Michelle, Bruce Purchase Ton't 8.0, Tomor 4.30 & 8.0 (Last Perfs)

MERMAID 236 5568 cc 379 4444/741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 "**FIRST CLASS THEATRE**" TOut
ALAN DOBIE HILDEGARD NEIL
TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD
BY HARPER LEE
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LYTTELTON Ton't 7.45 Tomor 2.15 & 7.45 **THE MISANTHROPE** by Moliere in an English version by Tony Harrison. 5.30 **EDWARD PETHERBRIDGE TALKS ABOUT HIS CAREER AND ANSWERS QUESTIONS**
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By Georges Feydeau
Translated by John Mortimer
Directed by Richard Jones
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OPEN AIR REGENT'S PARK 486 2431 CC 486 1933/379 4444 (24 hours - bkg fee) **TWELFTH NIGHT** Tonight 7.45 **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM** Sat 2.30 and 7.45 **EAST OF THE ELEPHANT** Today 2.30

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Groups 494 1671 "**THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS**" Newsweek
LES MISERABLES
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Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30
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BERNARD CRIBBINS & HOWARD GILLIAN
in
ANYTHING GOES
"**THE HOTTEST SHOW IN TOWN**" Daily Express
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Choreographed by MICHAEL SMUIN
Directed by JERRY ZAKS
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PRINCE OF WALES Box Office 01 839 5972 CC First Call 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 (bkg fee)/Open All Hours 379 6131 (bkg fee) "**TOPPING ANYTHING ON BROADWAY**" Time Mag
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Directed by TREVOR NUNN
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Theatre Air Conditioned
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Directed by MICHAEL RUDMAN
Eves 7.30 Thu mat 3, Sat 4.30 & 8
Previews from September 7

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WHITEHALL S 867 1119 867 1111/379 4444/741 9999. Grps 867 1113. Eves 8. Thu mat 2.30, Saturday 5.30 & 8.30 "**BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST**" Daily Mail **The Theatre of Comedy Company RAY COONEY HENRY McGEE DENNIS RAMSDEN**
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LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY
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JEREMY BRETT EDWARD HARDWICKE
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by Jeremy Paul
"**The best Holmes and Watson I have ever seen**" Sunday Express "**Both performances are of a high brilliance**" Times Lit Supplement
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CINEMAS

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CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. **MAX VON SYDOW** in **PELLE THE CONQUEROR** (15) Film at 2.00 5.00 8.00 Winner 1989 Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film.

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St. off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 **DISTANT VOICES STILL LIVES** (15) Film at 3.00 (not Sun) 4.45 6.30 8.40.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. **CHARLOTTE RAMPLING MICHAEL GAMBON IN DAVID HARE'S PARIS BY NIGHT** (15) Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 **HOW TO GET AHEAD IN ADVERTISING** (15) progs. 2.35 4.40 6.45 8.55 and Late Night Fri/Sat 11.15 pm

MINEMA Knightsbridge 235 4225 **WOMEN ON THE VERGE OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN** (15) (subs) Daily 3.0 5.0 7.0 9.0

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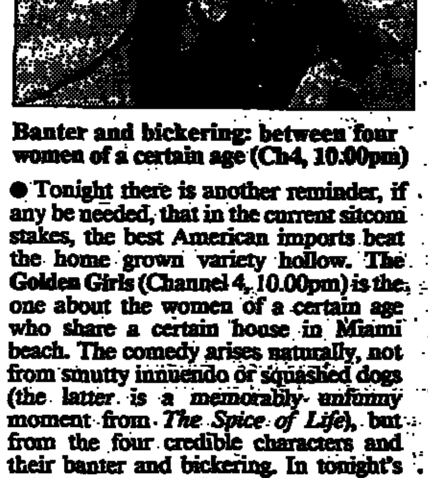
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Caring for our children

TELEVISION CHOICE

Anne Billson

● The warning lights are flashing as the post-war baby boom generation moves into middle age; when it hits retirement, the nation will be top heavy with pensioners. There is already a noteworthy drop in the number of school leavers, and, with more jobs than there are workers, women will be urged to get back into the workplace for the first time since the Second World War. Whatever your personal opinion of mothers going out to work, their professional skills will be needed, and they should at least be provided with adequate childcare services. In tonight's **Open Space** (BBC2 7.30pm), the organization Childcare Now paints a gloomy picture of the most likely scenario: in the absence of sufficient government funding, childcare in this country will follow *the pattern of* the American system of nursery chains ("Yes! we take babies!"), which place financial gain above quality of care. The wealthy will always be able to cough up for a nanny, but poorer parents will be thrown at the mercy of whatever facilities they can find or afford. Compared with the rest of Western Europe, Britain's attitude to working mothers and their offspring is disgraceful; Denmark, for instance, spends six times as much public money as we do on care for the under fives.



Banter and bickering: between four women of a certain age (Ch4, 10.00pm)

● Tonight there is another reminder, if any be needed, that in the current sitcom stakes, the best American imports beat the home grown variety hollow. **The Golden Girls** (Channel 4, 10.00pm) is the one about the women of a certain age who share a certain house in Miami beach. The comedy arises naturally, not from smutty innuendo or squashed dogs (the latter is a memorably unfunny moment from *The Spice of Life*), but from the four credible characters and their banter and bickering. In tonight's episode, "Yes, We Have No Havanas", Blanche (the tarty one) and Sophia (Dorothy's feisty old mom) fall for the same Latin Lover.

● Later on, Channel 4 continues with its reruns of the original black and white **Twilight Zone** (11.25pm). Anyone unimpressed by the more recent, and far inferior colour series, should take a look at these — some of the best television half-hours ever recorded: economical and imaginative stories written by such masters of the art as Richard Matheson and Charles Beaumont. Tonight's episode: "Time Enough At Last," is the famous one in which bookworm Burgess Meredith finds to his joy that he is the last man on earth.

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins
6.30 The Flintstones in *Fred's Flying Lesson* (r) **6.55 Weather**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Laurie Mayer and Mike Smartt. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27**
8.55 Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather
9.05 But First This . . . Children's entertainment introduced by Simon Parkin, Andi Peters and Stephanie Lowe, beginning with **Muppet Babies** (r) **9.25 Hartbeat.** Tony Hart's guide to better picture making. This morning he is on a Weymouth beach making sand drawings with the help of pupils from Westhaven Junior School (r). (Ceefax)
10.00 News and weather followed by **Gentle Ben.** Outdoor adventures of a young man with a pet bear — today coming to the rescue of a man trapped in a quicksand (r). (Ceefax) **10.30 Playbus 10.55 Five to Eleven** with pupils from *Newlands Girls' Comprehensive* School, Maidenhead
11.00 News and weather followed by **Woody Woodpecker Double Bill** (r) **11.15 The O Zone.** Pop music magazine **11.25 Superman** starring George Reeves **11.50 Bananaman.** Cartoon series (r)
12.00 News and weather followed by **The Garden Party** hosted by Caron Keating and Eamonn Holmes. Includes a discussion on capital punishment **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. Paul receives a rocket from his father for his meddling. (Ceefax) **1.50 Life File: Fighting For Breath.** In this last of the series Kay Alexander investigates the problems of asthma sufferers (r)
2.20 Film: The Rebel (1960) starring Tony Hancock and George Sanders. Comedy about a City worker, commuting from a London suburb, who decides to leave the rat race and seek his fortune as an artist on Paris's Left Bank. Directed by Robert Day
4.00 Popeye. Cartoon **4.10 The Puppy's Further Adventures** (r) **4.35 Waterfront Revisited.** Highlights from the *On the Waterfront* series. With Andrew O'Connor, Bernie Nolan, Kate Copstick and Terry Randall (r)
5.00 Newsround includes the last report from Helen Bridger, the 15-year-old from Netton near Salisbury, who is at the US Space Academy in Alabama
5.05 The Lowdown: On the Ball. Following the fortunes of new boys attending the Football Association's (GM) National School at *Lilleshall* (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Newsroom South East
7.00 Wogan With Ben Elton. The guests are Robbie Coltrane, Lenny Henry and Dee Dee Wilde
7.30 Film: All Creatures Great and Small *(1974) starring Simon Ward* and Anthony Hopkins. The life of a newly-qualified veterinary surgeon working at a practice in the Yorkshire Dales during the 1930s, based on novels by James Herriot. Directed by Claude Whatham. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather
9.30 Fortunes of War. Episode four of the seven-part drama based on novels by Olivia Manning. It is now October 1940 and Guy's name has appeared on the Gestapo "death list" after being unwittingly betrayed by Prince Yakimov. In Athens Harriet waits nervously for Guy to arrive from Bucharest (r). (Ceefax)
10.30 Omnibus at the Proms. The BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Valery Gergiev, perform Prokofiev's Symphony No 1 in D; and Alfred Schnittke's Viola Concerto in which the soloist is Yuri Bashmet
11.35 Film: Gumshoe (1972) starring Albert Finney, Billie Whitelaw and Fulton Mackay. A black comedy about a Liverpool bingo caller who dreams of being a Bogart-type of private detective and finds himself in the middle of a murder case. Directed by Stephen Frears
12.55am Weather

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **News and The Morning Programme** introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00 News** followed by **Good Morning Britain** presented by Mike Morris and Kathy Tayler; **8.00 News; 8.50 Wacaday** for the young, with Timmy Mallett and Michaela Strachan
9.25 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe (r) **9.50 Thames news** and weather
9.55 Inspector Gadget. Cartoon adventures of a Clouseau-type cop *(r)* ***10.25 Short Story Theatre: Angel and Big Joe.*** The story of a friendship between a young Hispanic migrant worker and a telephone linesman **10.55 News** headlines
11.00 Home and Away. Tom realizes what has been happening after Neville tells him about Carly's charity donation ***11.25 Just for the Record*** includes a ride on Australia's fastest rollercoaster; and the youngest person to fly across the United States **11.55 Thames** news and weather
12.00 Who's Next. For the young **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppet series (r) **12.30 Take the High Road.** *Mr Murdoch* imparts some juicy gossip; and Jackie gets the temporary job at the Big House
1.00 News at One with Tim Ewart. Weather **1.20 Thames news** and weather
1.30 Dining in France. Pierre Salinger visits the Macon goat cheese farm; and there is an introduction to *French breads* (r) ***2.00 The Bill.*** Omnibus edition (r)
3.00 Connections. Brain-teasing game show hosted by Simon Potter **3.25 Thames news** and weather **3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial
4.00 Bangers & Mash. Animated antics of a pair of chimps **4.05 Stanley Bagshaw** narrated by Bob Wilson (r) **4.20 Scooby Doo**
4.45 Go Getters — the Anchor Challenge. Day three of the charity challenge finds the reds deciding to drive as far as they can; the greens opting to stay in the Stoke-on-Trent area; and the yellows hoping for the best **5.10 Home and Away** (r)
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather **5.55 LWT News** and weather
6.15 Police 5 with Shaw Taylor
6.30 City Safari includes a glimpse of the wildlife in Buckingham Palace gardens; and the kittiwakes that have begun frequenting the River Tyne (r)
7.00 Ticket to Ride. Comedy series starring Christopher Cazenove and Margaret Whitton as the bickering co-hosts of a television travel programme. This week Michael and Miles are visiting their old school when Louisa discovers her coat pockets stuffed with tenners
8.00 Athletics: Kodak Commonwealth Games Trials from *Birmingham's* Alexander Stadium, introduced by Nick Owen and Jim Rosenthal. The first of three days of coverage of the meeting that will decide who will be representing England in the Commonwealth games in Auckland. The commentators are Alan Parry and Peter Matthews
9.00 After the War. *Rachel and* husband David are living in the newly-independent West African Federation and take a trip up country where they run into a rebellion against the Federation's first president
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Alistair Stewart. Weather **10.30 LWT News** and weather
10.35 Whicker's World California. Alan Whicker on patrol with the San Francisco Police Department (r)
11.35 1st Exposure. Among tonight's acts new to television are Jon Astley and the Anglers, Andy Linden, Niall MacAnna and the Spinsters
12.05am The Twilight Zone. A tale of the supernatural
12.30 Married . . . With Children. American domestic comedy series
1.00 The James Whale Radio Show. More insults for those brave enough to ring the abusive chat show host
2.00 The Fugitive. Kimble is held a prisoner by a recluse who has ignored civilization for 14 years. Starring David Janssen (r)
3.00 The Yellow Rose. Ranching drama series starring Sam Elliott, David Soul and Cybill Shepherd
4.00 US Baseball. Cincinnati v Montreal
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Rabbits and Chalk Grasslands. Ends at **7.20**
9.00 Ceefax
9.55 Boating Butler. Tony Butler reaches the end of his tour of the Midlands canals (r) **10.25 Culture and Belief in Europe.** Tim Benton explores Fountainebleau
10.50 Cricket: Fifth Test. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of the opening session of the second day's play in the game at Trent Bridge between England and *Australia.*
1.10 Holiday Outings. Bargain hunting in the shopping ports of Northern France (r) **1.15 Weekend** Outlook (r) **1.20 Postman Pat** (r)
1.35 Cricket: Fifth Test, Racing and Golf. Further coverage of the second day's play at Trent Bridge; from Newbury, Richard Pitman introduces the *2.40, 3.10, 3.40* and the **4.10** races; from Fulford Golf Club, York, Steve Rider presents action in the Benson and Hedges International. Includes news and weather at **2.00, 3.00** and **3.50**
6.10 Film: No Limit (1935, b/w) starring George Formby and Florence Desmond. Comedy about a motorcycle enthusiast who decides to enter the Isle of Man TT races with hilarious results. Includes footage from the real 1935 TT events. Directed by Monty Banks
7.30 Open Space: Childcare Crisis (see Choice)
8.00 Chez Nous. Michael Delahaye follows the fortunes of the Johnson family from *Milton Keynes* who are determined to buy a house in the Boulogne area (r). (London only: see Variations for other regions' programmes)
8.30 Gardeners' World from Barnsdale. With Geoff Hamilton and Anne Swithinbank
9.00 The Godfather. Episode three of the five-part adaptation of Mario Puzo's novel and the war between the five families is still at its height but moves are made to negotiate a fragile peace (r). (Ceefax)
10.30 Newsnight 11.15 Weather
11.20 The Jack Benny Show (b/w). The guests include Mary Livingstone and Eddie "Rochester" Anderson
11.45 The Honeymooners (b/w) starring Jackie Gleason, Art Carney, Audrey Meadows and Joyce Randolph
12.10am Cricket: Fifth Test. Highlights of the second day's play in the game at Trent Bridge between England and Australia. Ends at **12.45**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Wales: Landscape and Legend. The lakes of the Principality (r)
10.00 The Living Body. Part 16 — how we breathe (r)
10.30 Making the Most Of . . . (r)
11.00 The Peter Quarry Show. The Australian psychiatrist discusses different aspects of smoking and its implications
11.30 Ourselves and Other Animals. Gerald and Lee Durrell watch animals in the wild to assess their *intelligence and ability to* communicate (r) **12.00 Fifteen-to-One** (r)
12.30 Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street (r)
2.05 Film: It's Never Too Late to Mend (1937, b/w) starring Tod Slaughter and Marjorie Taylor. Melodrama about a wicked squire who lusts after a village maiden. *Directed by* David MacDonald
3.20 Film: False Paradise (1948, b/w) starring William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy who comes to the assistance of a professor and his daughter who are sold a worthless cattle ranch by a swindler. Directed by George Archainbaud
4.30 Countdown.
5.00 The Beverly Hillbillies (b/w)
5.30 Women Writers. A profile of Barbara Taylor Bradford (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Wagon Train (b/w)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Anne Leuchars. Includes the fourth polluted planet report. Weather
7.55 Book Choice. Peter Porter reviews a collection of the work of the American poet Richard Wilbur. (Oracle)
8.00 Victoria Park. Frank Cvitanovich's delightful documentary about a day in the life of the East End of London park and the people who make use of the oasis of green (r)
9.00 Athletics. The Kodak Commonwealth Games Trials continued from ITV
10.00 The Golden Girls (see Choice)
10.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show. A discussion on police brutality
11.25 Twilight Zone: Time Enough at Last (b/w) (see Choice)
11.50 Film: The Cosmic Man (1958, b/w) starring Bruce Bennett. A science fiction thriller about an alien who arrives on earth with peaceful intentions. Directed by Herbert Greene
1.10am Four on the Floor. Canadian comedy series. Ends at **1.40**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.30am European Business Channel **6.00** The DJ Kat Show **8.30** Panel Pot Pourri **10.00** The Sullivans **10.30** Sky by Day: With actress Jenny Agutter **11.30** A Problem Shared **12.00** Another World **12.55pm** General Hospital **1.50** As the World Turns **2.45** Loving **3.15** The Lucy Show **3.45** Sylvanians **4.00** Countdown **5.00** The Young Doctors
5.30 Three's Company **6.00** Sky Star Search **7.00** Sale of the Century **7.30** Black Sheep Squadron **8.30** Film: Creatures the World Forgot **10.30** Jameson Tonight: Guests include Alan Fairweather, Britain's expert on the potato; Kathy Lette, Australian writer and *humorist* **11.30** *Film: Romance* with a Double-Bass

SKY NEWS

6.00am Sky News **6.30** European Business Channel **11.30** Our World — With These Hands **12.30pm** NBC Today **1.30** NBC Today **2.30** Beyond 2000 **3.30** BMTV Good Health **4.30** Our World **5.00** Live at Five **6.30** Beyond 2000 **7.30** The Reporters **8.30** The Frank Bough Interview **9.30** Newsline
10.30 The Reporters **11.30** NBC Nightly News **12.30am** The Frank Bough Interview **1.30** Newsline **2.30** The Reporters **3.30** The Frank *Bough Interview* **4.30** *Newsline* **5.30** Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES

2.00pm Savannah Smiles (1982): A young girl runaway is kidnapped by criminals
4.00 Robinson Crusoe: Adaptation of *D. Defoe's exciting tale*
6.00 Loophole (1980): A safecracker is determined to break into the vault of a London bank
8.00 Lucas (1986): Bitter sweet coming-of-age drama
10.00 Nice Girls Don't Explode (1987): April (Michelle Meyrink) is blessed with special powers
11.35 Emmanuelle IV (1984): *Sylvia* (Sylvia Kristel) resolves to become a new woman (dubbed)
1.05am The Hitchhiker: One Last Prayer: A girl attempts to create a new image
1.35 The Bravados (1958): Western adventure, starring Gregory Peck
4.00 Lucas (1986): (see **8.00pm**)

EUROSPORT

10.30am World Games **11.30** Mobil Motor Sport News **12.00** Surfer Magazine **12.30pm** Nice Triathlon **1.30** Dublin Horse Show **2.30** Football: Dynamo Moscow v Stars of the World **3.30** Australian *Rules Football*
4.30 Eurosport Programme Menu **6.00** Major League Baseball **7.00** Dublin Horse Show **9.00** Benson & Hedges International Golf **11.00** World Games

MTV

6.00am Kristiane Backer **11.00** Remote Control **11.30** Kristiane Backer **2.00pm** Yo! Mix **2.30** Marcel Vanthilt **4.00** The Coca-Cola Report **4.15** 3 from 1 **4.30** Maiken Wexo **5.30** Club MTV **6.00** MTV at the Movies **6.30** Remote Control **7.00** XPO **8.00** Yo! **9.45** The Coca-Cola Report **10.00** MTV at the Movies **10.30** Marcel Vanthilt **11.00** MTV Erotica **12.00** Club MTV **12.30am** Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Sailing **7.30** Inside the PGA **8.00** Wide World of Sports **9.00** Sport En France **9.30** Sailing **10.00** Golf **12.45pm** Baseball **3.15** Tennis **5.30** Inside the PGA **6.00** Golf **8.00** Football **9.30** Watersports **10.00** Golf **12.00** Boxing **2.00am** Tennis **4.00** Powersports **5.00** Tennis

LIFESTYLE

10.00am It Figures **10.25** Travelview Tips **10.30** Wok With Yan **11.00** Coffee *Break* **11.05** *The Edge of Night* **11.30** The Great American Gameshows **12.50pm** Star Time **12.55** Sally Jessy Raphael **1.45** Young Ramsay **2.35** Search For Tomorrow **3.00** The Vet **3.05** The Rogues **4.00** Monty Nash **4.35** Lifestyle Plus **4.40** The Great American Gameshows

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.30pm-7.00 Wales Today **12.55am-1.00** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **10.30** Friday Sportscene **11.05-11.35** The Beechgrove Garden **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Sportswide **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **ENGLAND: 6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

BBC2 WALES: 8.00pm-8.30 Women of Our Century (Hon Miriam Rothschild) **SCOTLAND 8.00pm-8.30** Catchword **NORTHERN IRELAND: 8.00pm-8.30** 7 Bands on the Up **ENGLAND: 8.00pm-8.30** *East:* Pills for all Ills; *Midlands:* Take a Break; *North:* Heirs and Graces; *North-east:* Joe Tasker; *North-west:* NOW! the Summer of 89; *South:* Mirror Image; *South-west:* Thursday War: The Final Battles; *West:* A Summer Journey

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Gardens For All **2.00-3.00** A Country Practice **5.10-5.40** About Anglia Xtra **6.00** About Anglia ***6.30-7.00*** *Home and Away 10.35* ***Film: Play Misty For Me*** 12.30am-1.00 **We Got It Made** 2.00 **Film: Death Ship** 3.40-4.00 **The Twilight Zone**

BORDER As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Spectacular World of Guinness Records **1.20** News **1.30** Gardening Time **2.00-3.00** A Country Practice **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35** Queen of the Isle of Man **11.10-1.00am** Film: Kansas City Massacre **2.00** Time Tunnel **3.00** Night Beat **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Heart of the Country **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.10-5.40** Star Collectors **6.00** News **6.35-7.00** Home and Away **10.35** Mistral's Daughter **11.25** The Twilight Zone **12.05am-1.00** Crime Story **2.00** Film: Best Friends **3.40** Jazz **4.40-5.00** New Squadronaires.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** All Our Yesterdays **2.00-3.00** Donohue **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** That's Gardening **10.35** Film: Red-Light Sting **12.20am** Yacht Racing **12.30** *Cinemattractions* **1.00** *America's Top 10* **1.30** Kojak **2.30** Wanted: Dead or Alive" **3.00-5.00** Indy Cart Racing.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** It's A Dog's Life **1.20** Grampian news **1.30** Gardening Time **2.00-3.00** Silk Road **5.55** North Tonight **6.30-7.00** Country Matters **10.35** Bowls **11.35** 1st Exposure **12.05am-1.00** Crime Story **2.00** Time Tunnel **3.00** Night Beat **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30** Week in View **2.00-3.00** Falcon Crest **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.55** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** The Spectacular World of Guinness Records **10.35** Film: Naked Runner **12.30am-1.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Method Actor **2.00** Time Tunnel **3.00** Night Beat **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Escape Route" **5.55** News **6.30-7.00** Problems **10.35** Van Der Valk **11.35** Kojak **12.30am-1.00** Cinemattractions **2.00** Film: Family Plot **4.10** Supercross **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **5.55-7.00pm** Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Heart is Highland **1.20** Scotland Today **1.30-3.00** Film: Silent Dust" **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35** Scotsport **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00-1.00am** Kojak **2.00** Time Tunnel **3.00** Night Beat **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** The Sullivans **2.00-3.00** Donahue **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Gardens for All **10.35** Film: Naked Runner **12.30am-1.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Method Actor **2.00** Time Tunnel **3.00** Nightbeat **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

TVS As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** All Our Yesterdays **2.00-3.00** Donahue **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.55** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** That's Gardening! **10.35** Film: Red-Light Sting **12.20am** *Yacht Racing* **12.30** *Cinemattractions* **1.00** *America's* Top 10 **1.30** Kojak **2.30** Wanted: Dead or Alive" **3.00** Indy Cart Racing **4.30-5.00** California Highways.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Will Any Gentleman **5.55-7.00** Northern Life **10.35** Film: Naked Runner **12.30am-1.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **2.00** Time Tunnel **3.00** Power Hour **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Newstime **1.30** Gardening Time **2.00-3.00** The Guldenburg Inheritance **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** A-Levels — What Next? **10.35** Grand Ole Opry **11.10-1.00am** Shuttered Room **2.00** Time Tunnel **3.00** Night Beat **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Big City **3.30-4.00** A Country Practice **6.00** Calendar **6.40-7.00** Hollywood Sports **10.40** Film: Hitchhike! **12.00-1.00am** Kojak **2.00** Batman **2.30** Sledge Hammer! **3.00** Music Box **4.00-4.00** Outsiders.

S4C Starts: **6.00am** C4 Daily **9.00** Brecwast Ar Bedwar **10.00** Film: Executive Suite" **12.00** Wales: Landscapes and Legends **12.30pm** News **12.35** Briwsion **1.00** *Village Show* **1.30** *Business Daily* **2.00** Durrell in Russia **2.30** Eisteddfod **4.00** Changing Times **4.30** Countdown **5.00** Xerxes **5.30** Go Fishing **6.00** News **6.15** Enfys Affrica **6.40** Pendawde **7.00** Campeto **7.30** Eisteddfod **9.00** News **9.25** C'Mon Midffild **9.55** Y Pethe O Lanwrst **11.10** Un Swig Arall **11.45** Film: Cosmic Man" **1.10am** Four on the Floor **1.40** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **12.00** News **12.30pm** Today **1.00** News **1.30** News **1.55** Show Jumping **6.00** News **6.30** Lucy Show **7.00** Video File **7.30** Room Outside **8.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** News **9.20** Bergerac **10.20** Off Mike **11.20** Film: Castle Keep **1.15am** News, Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **3.10pm** Bosco **3.40** Magic Pencil **3.50** Willie Fogg **4.15** Return to Treasure Island **5.05** Danger Bay **5.30** Lassie **5.55** Death Valley Days **6.25** Home and Away **7.00** Who's The Boss? **7.30** Cover Story (The Judds) **8.00** I Live Here **9.00** Frank's Place **9.30** Film: Topaze **11.05** Show Jumping **12.00** Closedown.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**
News on the half-hour from **5.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00**
5.00am Adrian John **6.30** Bruno Brookes **9.30** Mike Read **10.30** *Around the World with* Simon Bates **11.00** Radio 1 Roadshow **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Jeff Young **9.00** In Concert **10.00** The Friday Rock Show **12.00** The Mary Whitehouse Experience **12.30-2.00am** The Ranking Miss P

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and **MW**
News on the hour (except **8.00pm**)
Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**
4.00am Alex Lester **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** Teddy Johnson **2.05** Floris Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Beatrice Lillie **7.30** Marvin Hamlisch in Concert, incl **8.20-8.40** Interval **9.30** The Organist Entertains **10.00** Journey *Into Space (see Choice)* **10.30** Star Trek II **11.00** Alan Titchmarsh **1.00am** Colin Berry **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST.
5.00am World News; 24 Hours **5.30** *Londres Matin* **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Meridian **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News **7.30** Hurrah for Revolution **8.00** News **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.45** Seven Seas **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** Londres Matin **11.00** News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** Sportsworld **11.30** Meridian **12.00** Newsreel **12.15pm** Hurrah for Revolution **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News **1.30** John Peel **1.45** Sportsworld **2.00** World News; Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf **2.45** Nature Now **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** BBC English **3.30** Heute Aktuell **4.00** News **4.09** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Londres Soir **5.15** The World Today **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Kaleidoskop **6.30** Aus der kommunistischen Welt **6.54** *Nachrichten* **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Financial News **7.30** Network UK **7.45** Here's Humph **8.00** News **8.09** The World Today **8.30** Science in Action **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** Stuart Colman's Record Hop **9.30** The Queen's Parliament **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From The Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Women of the French Revolution **1.50** New Ideas **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Newsreel **2.30** The Queen's Parliament **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** Network UK **3.30** The World Today **3.45** Nachrichten und Presseschau **4.00** Aus der kommunistischen Welt **4.37** Nachrichten **4.45** News Summary **4.55** Financial News

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Tchaikovsky (Polonaise "Eugene Onegin": Bournemouth Symphony *Orchestra under Litton);* *Messiaen* (Fantaisie burlesque: Yvonne Loriod, piano); Walton (Suite, Henry V: RPO under Previn)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Benjamin Godard (Suite de trois morceaux: ECO under Steuart Bedford); Schubert *(Auf dem Wasser zu singen;* Der Einsame: Peter Pears, tenor, Benjamin Britten, piano); William Sterndale Bennett (Piano Concerto No 4 in F *minor:* Milton Keynes CO under Hilary Davan Wetton); Vaughan Williams (Tudor Portrait No 5, Jolly Rutterkin: New Philharmonia *under David Willcocks;* Bach Choir)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Handel — The 1730s. Alcina, excerpt; Ouverture in D; L'Allegro, Il penseroso ed Il moderato, Part 1
9.35 Serenata mattutina (on **FM** only from **10.55**): Mozart *(Piano and Wind Quintet in* E flat, K 452: Neil Black, oboe, Thea King, clarinet, Anthony Halstead, horn, Graham Sheen, bassoon, Murray Perahia, piano); Bach (Three Chorale Transcriptions: Kathryn Stuttock, piano; Piers Lane, piano); Tchaikovsky (Suite No 4 in G "Mozartiana": USSR SO under Svetlanov); Paganini (Sonata concertata in A: Itzhak Perlman, violin); Rachmaninov (Suite No 2 for two pianos, Op 17); Bruckner (Five Motets: Bavarian Radio Chorus under Eugen Jochum); Schubert (Gretchen am Spinnrade; Ave Maria: Elly Ameling, soprano); Beethoven (Piano and Wind Quintet in E flat, Op 16: Serenata)
10.55am-6.30pm Test Match Special (on **MW** only): Fifth Cornhill Test. Second day's play, incl **1.05pm** News **1.10** The Bradman Tapes. Norman May interviews Sir Donald Bradman, who recalls the magnificent 1948 tour of England, incl **1.30** County Scoreboard **1.40-6.30** Commentary
12.25pm Dvořák (on **FM** only): *The BBC Welsh SO under* Martin Turnovsky performs Dvořák (In Nature's Realm; Op 91; The Wild Dove, Op 110)
1.00 News
1.05 Oboe and String Trio (on **FM** only): The Cummings *String Trio,* Sarah Francis, oboe, performs Britten (Phantasy Quartet, Op 2); P. R. Olsen (String Trio); *Oliver Knussen* (Cantata)
1.45 Clive Swansbourne (on **FM** only): The pianist performs Scarlatti (Sonata in G, Kk 427); Beethoven (Sonata in E flat, Op 27 No 1); Chopin *(Mazurka in C sharp minor,* Op 50 No 3; Etude in F minor, Op 10 No 9) (r)
2.20 Ulster Orchestra (on **FM** *only): Under* John Lubbock, Philip Fowke, piano, performs Britten (Courtly Dances "Gloriana"); Frank Bridge (Summer); Ireland (Piano Concerto)
3.10 Manfred Quartet (on **FM** only): Performs Smetana (String Quartet No 1 "From My Life"); Jost Meir (Lamentations I-V, first performance); Debussy (String Quartet)
4.25 Youth Orchestras of the World (on **FM** only): Chetham's Orchestra under Julian Clayton performs *Mozart* (Overture to Don Giovanni); Kenneth Leighton (Concerto for organ, strings and timpani: *Catherine* Ennis, organ); Janacek (Idyll, for string orchestra)
5.20 Anne Howells (mezzo) (on **FM** only): The second of two recitals, with Roger Vignoles, piano. Debussy (Chansons de bilitis); Rodrigo (De los alamos vengo; *Por mayo:* Pastorcito santo; Canción del duero)
5.45 The Biggest Little Band: The first of two programmes about the formation of the black band, Onyx, by John Kirby in 1937 (see Choice)
6.15 From Pétain to Pompidou (on **FM** only until **6.30pm**): French cabaret songs presented by Richard Mayne
7.00 News
7.05 Music and Manners: Paul Shelley reads from Henry Chorley's mémoires
7.30 Proms 1989: Live from the Royal Albert Hall, London. The London Sinfonietta under David Atherton performs Olivier Messiaen (Des canyons aux étoiles, Parts 1 and 2), incl **8.15** Messiaen and the BBC **8.35** Part 3
9.45 The Friday Play: Anatol, by Arthur Schnitzler (r)
10.15 Schubert Piano Music: Ian Lake plays *Adagio in G, D* 178 (r)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Roussel and Dutilleux (r)
12.00 News
12.05am Close

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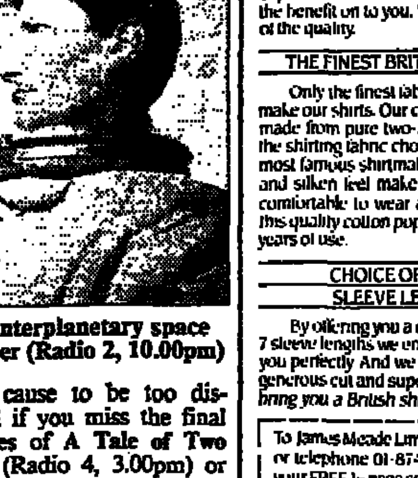
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5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.42** The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: With Sue Lawley and singer/songwriter Joan Armatrading (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs listeners' letters and comments on BBC programmes and policy
10.00 News; Special Assignment with BBC correspondents at home and abroad
10.30 Morning Story: A Bolt From the Blue, written and read by Sydney Bernard Smith
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; After Dread and Anger: The third of six documentaries, presented by Ferdi Dennis, describing how peoples of African ancestry experience life in Britain today. 3: The State and Race Relations (r)
11.47 *Enquire Within:* Dilly Barlow on the trail of who writes the poems for birthday cards
12.00 You and Yours: This week, John Howard's guest is Mavis Fairhurst, The Solicitors Complaints Bureau's professional and public relations officer
12.30pm The Local Network: A Load of Bawls. A guide to silly names, presented by Neil Walker and David Clayton (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with Brian Widlake
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; *Woman's Hour:* Introduced by Jenni Mills, from Bristol. Includes an interview with actress Emma Samms, who talks about the new video in aid of the Starlight Foundation; and a feature on spare part modelling
3.00 *News; A Tale of Two Cities:* By Charles Dickens. Seventh of 10 episodes, starring Charles Dance as Sydney Carton, with John Duttine and Maurice Denham (s) (see Choice)
4.00 News
4.05 The Hot Seat: John Humphrys talks to Sir Ian MacLaurin, chairman of Tesco, in the last of his interviews with people who have reached the top of their profession
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Presented by Paul Allen (s) (r)
5.00 PM: Presented by Frances Coverdale and Peter Ruff. Including a report on the Fifth Test at Trent Bridge
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Freewheeling: Susan Marling reports on aerobatics and parachuting, and Alex Lester reports on a survival course in the Scottish Highlands
7.00pm News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: With Margaret Howard (s)
8.05 Questions from the Past: Ludovic Kennedy takes a personal look at 40 years of *Any Questions?* 3: So Near, So Far
8.50 Stop Press: Geoffrey Goodman offers his opinions on the week's news, and talks to some of the people behind the headlines
9.15 In the Archives: Willie Rushton finds out how the early days of *Private Eye* are kept alive by the BBC sound archives
9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Professor Barry Cunliffe chairs a discussion with developers and traditionalists, including Ron Denny, Philip Rahtz and Francis Prior, on current archaeology issues (s)
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Episode 8 of The Negotiator by Frederick Forsythe abridged by Carol Rosen and read by *Terence Molloy*
10.30 The World Tonight with David Sells
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.35 Little Blighty On The Down: The fourth of five tales focusing on the eccentricities of life in a small English town. With Jo Kendall, Michael Troughton and John Baddeley (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
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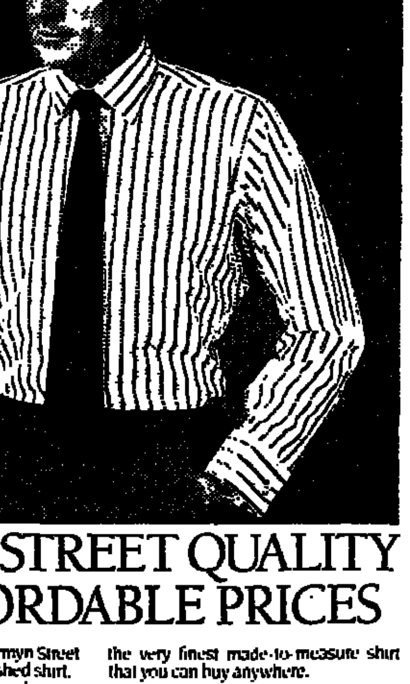
Peter Davalle

● Jazz programming on Radio 3 continues to take unusual turns. We've scarcely got over our astonishment at hearing Fats Waller dodging to and from piano to organ a week or so back than Geoffrey Smith implicitly starts chiding us, in **The Biggest Little Band** (Radio 3, 5.45pm), for not knowing that there was a famous black band in the New York of the late 1930s that played so softly you could hear a gnat walking across a piece of cotton and so loudly that it was enough to knock you clean out of a building. Leader of the band was bass player John Kirby; the sextet adopted both his name and that of the celebrated 52nd Street club — Onyx — where they played. With these two programmes (part two next Friday), Smith has rescued the *Kirby band from* unmerited obscurity.



1958 interplanetary space traveller (Radio 2, 10.00pm)

● No cause to be too distressed if you miss the final episodes of **A Tale of Two Cities** (Radio 4, 3.00pm) or **Journey Into Space** (Radio 2, 10.00pm) because both Nick McCarty's innovative adaptation of Dickens and Charles Chilton's marvellous 31-year-old interplanetary serial are preserved on the BBC's *Radio Collection* cassettes.



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De Klerk to meet Kaunda in pre-poll border talks

By Ray Kennedy in Johannesburg and Andrew McEwen

President Kaunda of Zambia, one of Africa's toughest opponents of apartheid, is to hold talks with Mr F.W. de Klerk, leader of South Africa's ruling National Party.

Dr Kaunda said they would meet on the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe on August 28, 10 days before South Africa's general election. Mr de Klerk is expected to succeed Mr P.W. Botha as President soon after the election.

Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, confirmed that he would accompany Mr de Klerk. He said the talks were a result of discussions that President Botha had initiated with Dr Kaunda.

The timing suggests that Dr Kaunda hopes to draw from Mr de Klerk a promise to carry out reforms. His statements have implied a wish to end apartheid but have fallen short of a commitment. Last night Mr De Klerk's office said he was at a dinner and was unable to comment.

Assuming the meeting goes ahead it could strengthen the National Party's credibility with the centre and left as a party committed to change.

But it would also reinforce the fears of supporters of the two main right-wing parties. He faces a strong challenge from the Conservative Party which accuses him of being soft on security.

Another effect could be to raise expectations in black Africa. Dr Kaunda's announcement came as leaders of the six frontline states met in Lusaka to consider whether the time was right to choose dialogue over confrontation to end apartheid.

"I have briefed my colleagues that I am meeting Mr de Klerk in Livingstone (Zambia) on the 28th of this month," he said, referring to leaders from Angola, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Mozambique and Botswana.

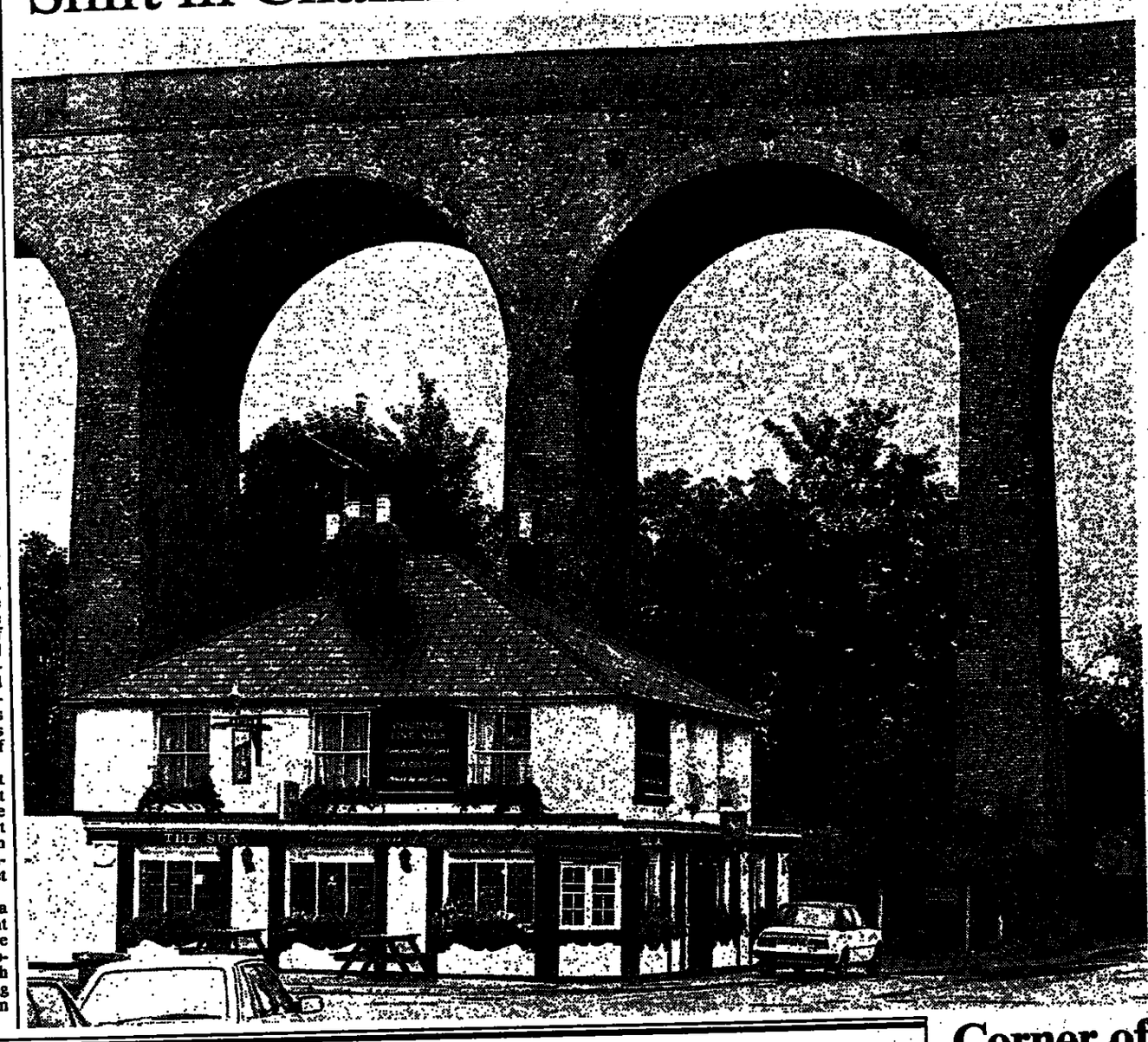
The African National Congress is reported to have opposed the meetings on the ground that it needed proof that Pretoria was ready to end apartheid. But African diplomats said the ANC had recently circulated a document to members and leaders of other anti-apartheid groups addressing the issue of negotiations.

Dr Kaunda said the summit had taken a decision, but declined to disclose it. The frontline states would report to the Organization of African Unity's committee on southern Africa which would meet in Harare on August 21.

Dr Kaunda has not met a South African Government leader since 1982, when he held talks with President Botha on the border of South Africa and Botswana. Nothing of importance emerged from that meeting.

Shift in Channel link threatens to blot out Sun

PETER TRIEVNOR



By Michael Brown

Regulars at the Sun Inn in South Darenth, Kent, took a dim view yesterday of British Rail's plans to move the proposed Channel Tunnel railway route "a bit to one side". Now it will go right over the cosy country pub on a viaduct, or even go straight through it.

"Not a very bright future is it?" said Mr Mike Mitford, aged 30, who was holding the fort while his father Gordon, the landlord, took the day off.

"He and my mother are considering the prospects, which seem pretty dim. The viaduct scheme would blot out light into the bar and cause such a racket we probably wouldn't be able to hear ourselves think.

"So far British Rail have not discussed it or even suggested a compensation figure. It's a nice old pub, comfortable and friendly, very much the local as well as being the first bit of really beautiful Kent you come to off the A2 coming from London."

Councillor Malcolm Nothard, chairman of Dartford Council which has set aside £500,000 as a fighting fund to oppose the overland part of the Channel Tunnel, said: "The whole process of so-called negotiations with British Rail has been a shambles ... A nice little local pub will find itself literally 'underneath the arches', a factory will have to close and people over a wide area are living on their nerves — all for the sake of three minutes' travelling time. That is how long it will take a train to travel the area involved and it's going to cost us all dearly."

A British Rail spokesman said: "There are consultations still going on. The position is, we have to consider the greatest benefit for the largest number of people. By moving the route a bit to the south we will have saved quite a few homes".

BBC to boost ethnic staff

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stani, Bangladeshi, Chinese and Indian origin in the country. So it has decided to introduce an ethnic targeting scheme "to ensure the ethnic make-up of its workforce reflects the nation it serves".

In the key departments of network television, network radio, news and current affairs and the World Service, the BBC will aim to employ 8 per cent of its staff from the ethnic minorities. All BBC regions have been given an ethnic target, along with non-output areas such as engineering and personnel. The targets range from 1 per cent for BBC Scotland to 13 per cent for the finance division.

BBC chiefs are acutely aware that the corporation is seen by some people as biased towards white, middle-class, Oxbridge-educated recruits, and it wants to be seen to be changing that image.

Each department has set its own ethnic target and has been given the provisional date of the year 2000 to fulfil it, although that might be changed following the results of the next census due in 1992.

The BBC said yesterday: "Network television, network radio and news and current affairs will aim to reflect the ethnic composition of the nation they serve; regional broadcasting to reflect the ethnic composition of their local communities; the World Service, excluding the vernacular services, to reflect the ethnic composition of the nation as a whole and non-output directorates to reflect the composition of the catchment areas from which they recruit."

Mr Bob Nelson, the BBC's head of corporate management development, said: "Britain is now a multi-cultural and multi-racial society. The BBC aims to reach all sections of the nation with our programmes and we can only do this with credibility if our licence payers see in our programmes a reflection of their own interests and tastes."

He rejected the suggestion that targeting might result in lowered standards.

There were many people of ethnic minority groups in the community at large "who do not naturally think of the BBC as an employer of peoples from their background.

Last night, controversy clouded the BBC's reasoning for carrying out the ethnic targeting after government officials queried corporation charges that their labour force statistics were inaccurate.

BBC chiefs claimed the figure of 3.9 per cent was wrong as it was based on people's place of birth, rather than ethnic origin, and was heavily weighted towards unemployed people. But a Department of Employment spokesman said last night: "They are based on interviews with households throughout Great Britain."

Ranger was quizzed on death

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tioned about her murder. He was never arrested, but was cautioned and gave a statement to Superintendent Munchiri Wanjau of the Kenyan CID, the inquest was told.

In a statement read to the court by Mr Georgiadis, Superintendent Wanjau said: "I am inquiring into a suspected offence of murder, that between 6 and 13 September, 1988, at the Masai Mara game reserve you (Mr Nchoka) and others still at large murdered Julie Anne Ward.

"I do have reason to believe that you David Kandula Nchoka, are either connected with the offence or have such information which may help the inquiry."

Mr Nchoka denied any involvement and said: "I did not kill the deceased," the inquest was told.

Five die on roads as storms sweep South

By David Nicholson-Lord

Torrential rain brought temporary relief yesterday to many parts of Britain suffering water shortages, but left behind a trail of flooding and road accidents. At least five people died in crashes in southern England.

Two fifteen-year-old girls and a boy aged 17 died instantly when their car crashed into a lamppost at Weymouth, Dorset.

The London-bound M4 was closed in the morning rush-hour after four pile-ups, one involving up to 20 vehicles. Police ran out of breakdown trucks to tow them away.

Flooding was reported from Reading and Maidenhead in Berkshire, from Torbay and Plymouth and from east Cornwall. The rain was the tail-end of Hurricane Dean.

The downpour was good news for farmers and gardeners but is unlikely to have any effect for the 11 million people facing drought orders.

Although an inch of rain fell in the South-west overnight on Wednesday, water chiefs yesterday applied for permission to introduce standpipes if necessary, for the first time since 1976.

● **Air delays:** British package tourists are threatened with delays of up to four hours at airports this weekend because of a six-day strike by French air traffic technicians.

The strike, which began last night, will disrupt flights only if vital equipment such as radars breaks down.

Manchester Airport predicted delays for flights over Paris, Rheims and Marseilles. Gatwick Airport said delays could be between two and four hours. It is appealing to all passengers to turn up on time.

Corner of Kent that is forever France

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Plans for the construction of new "fast lane clearance" customs buildings, similar to those at Dover in which officials are able to pull vehicles over to one side for inspection, are well advanced, Mr Helsdon said.

The airport-style security system will also provide officials with rooms in which to conduct searches of those suspected of smuggling drugs, particularly the so-called "swallowers and stuffers," who are on the increase.

British customs officials are particularly worried at the threat posed by the growing trend in favour of using trains to smuggle drugs.

Customs and immigration checks for passengers on train services between Paris, Brussels and London will be conducted at the main stations, such as Waterloo and King's Cross, while through services to the regions will have frontier formalities carried out on the train.

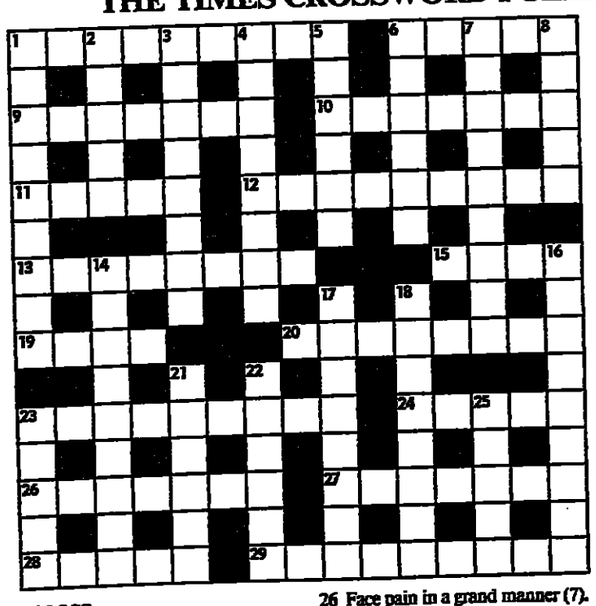
The Waterloo customs and immigration facility, estimated to cost about £15 million, will also work on the "red and green system" operating at airports.

Negotiations for nearly a year on the arrangements for customs and immigration facilities on through services to Scotland and the regions are now nearing completion.

On through services, all immigration, customs and special branch checks will be conducted on the Trans Manche Super Trains (TSMT). British officials will board the TMSTs in Brussels and Paris, and French officials will board them before they enter the Channel Tunnel from Britain.

Because the doors and windows on the new trains cannot be opened by passengers, drug traffickers will be unable to dispose of their illicit imports.

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ACROSS
1 Friend has a supply of food stimulating the taste-buds (9).
6 Poetic man who went to pot? (5).
9 Strength shown by parts of flower not often seen (7).
10 A couple of students in exam head and shoulders above the rest? (7).
11 Those who lead one side? They don't always turn up! (5).
12 Boiler suits range used for cooking (9).
13 Instrumentalist — stranger on the street (8).
15 Take care of mother in life-threatening condition (4).
19 Wild rose as the symbol of love (4).
20 Study Buddhist sect found among island inhabitants (8).
23 Big thrashing (9).
24 A bird but not a birdie (5).
26 Face pain in a grand manner (7).
27 One's for one in play (7).
28 Magistrate appearing in the Case of the Wicked Lady (5).
29 Opposed to the State — your old aversion (9).

DOWN
1 At great speed — so the past is dissipated (9).
2 A city — does this imply LA? (5).
3 Heavy work without lubricants achieved with difficulty (8).
4 Refuse stamps for fines (8).
5 No more wine — that's the limit (6).
6 Song that's naughty with everyone joining in (6).
7 The man's an illustrator — see him at the port (9).
8 Fortune given to you and me — it may induce indolence (5).
14 River journey — groan desperately having fallen in (3,6).
16 The wind comes over the isle harshly (9).
17 Larva carries a germ unfortunately in fruit (8).
18 Dangerous gas got rid of a politician (8).
21 Indian moving speedily reins in horse's head (6).
22 The pictures obtained from spies including revolutionary workers (6).
23 Very good salesman, American, on the up (5).
25 Gee — relative's become bony and emaciated! (5).

Solution to Puzzle 18,057

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

SCOTTY BEASTIES

WHAUP
a. A whippet
b. The curlew
c. A Golden Eagle chick

HORNIE-GOLOCH
a. An earwig
b. The devil
c. A Highland bull

BAUDRONS
a. The bell weevil
b. A pussy cat
c. The crow

SELCHIE
a. A seagull
b. The weasel
c. A seal

Answers on page 16

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WEATHER

Strong winds will affect all parts of the country, with gales in some exposed locations, especially in the North-west. There will be little sunshine so it will be cooler generally. Most places will have rain during the day and the South-east will be particularly wet in the morning. Western Scotland, north-west England and Northern Ireland will have spells of rain throughout the day. Outlook: cool and changeable.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; si=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	82	s	Majorca	31	88	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Malaga	30	86	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Malta	32	90	s
Algiers	39	102	f	Melb'rne	-	-	-
Amst'dm	24	75	s	Mexico C*	20	68	f
Athens	30	86	s	Miami*	25	77	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Milan	27	81	f
Barbados*	31	88	f	Montreal*	23	73	s
Barcelona	28	82	f	Moscow	16	61	r
Belgrade	24	75	f	Munich	24	75	f
Berlin	24	75	c	Nairobi	-	-	-
Bermuda*	30	86	f	Naples	33	91	s
Biarritz	22	72	c	N Delhi	-	-	-
Bordx	25	77	f	N York*	25	77	s
Brussels	27	81	s	Nice	25	77	c
Budapest	26	79	f	Oslo	17	63	c
B Aires*	17	63	c	Paris	27	81	f
Cairo	34	93	s	Peking	24	75	c
Cape Tn	-	-	-	Perth	20	68	s
C'blanca	25	77	f	Prague	24	75	f
Chicago*	27	81	f	Reykjvk	11	52	f
Ch'church	8	46	c	Rhodes	29	84	s
Cologne	26	79	f	Rio de J	22	72	f
C'phgn	18	64	c	Riyadh	43	109	s
Corfu	30	86	s	Rome	27	81	s
Dublin	16	61	r	Salzburg	26	77	s
Dubrovnik	28	82	s	S Prisco*	18	64	s
Faro	31	88	s	Santiago*	19	66	s
Florence	28	84	s	S Paulo*	21	70	c
Frankfurt	24	75	f	Seoul	30	86	s
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Geneva	24	75	c	St'kholm	23	73	f
Gibraltar	30	86	s	Strasb'rg	24	75	c
Helsinki	21	70	f	Sydney	17	63	s
Hong K	32	90	f	Tangier	29	84	s
Innsbruck	23	73	s	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Istanbul	28	82	s	Tenerife	29	84	s
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tokyo	33	91	f
Jo'burg*	-	-	-	Toronto*	23	73	s
Karachi	30	86	c	Tunis	33	90	s
L Palmas	27	81	f	Valencia	27	81	c
La Toquet	20	68	f	Vanc'ver*	-	-	-
Lisbon	25	77	s	Venice	26	79	f
Locarno	18	64	c	Vienna	24	75	s
L Angels*	21	70	c	Warsaw	21	70	s
Luxemb'g	23	73	f	Wash'ton*	24	75	s
Luxor	40	104	s	Wel'ton	13	55	f
Madrid	30	88	f	Zurich	22	72	s

*denotes Wednesday's figures

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Honington and Wattisham, Suffolk, 27C (81F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Morecambe, Lancashire, 1.23 in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 12.4 hr.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 19C (66F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 18C (64F). Humidity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.79 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.3 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1008.8 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

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GLASGOW

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AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.9	-	21	70	cloudy
Hunstanton	5.6	-	25	77	bright
Lowestoft	7.8	-	27	81	bright
Southend	10.7	-	25	77	sunny
Folkestone	9.9	-	22	72	sunny
Eastbourne	10.5	-	21	70	sunny
Worthing	10.7	-	22	72	sunny
Bognor R	11.4	-	21	70	sunny
Sandown	8.9	-	23	73	sunny
Bournemth	6.4	-	22	72	bright
Swanage	9.1	-	21	70	sunny
Exmouth	2.7	-	22	72	cloudy
Teignmouth	6.3	-	23	73	sunny
Torquay	5.5	-	23	73	cloudy
Penzance	5.6	.02	22	72	rain
Scilly Isles	4.0	.17	21	70	shower
Guernsey	11.3	-	26	79	sunny
Newquay	5.4	-	23	73	cloudy
Minehead	1.3	-	24	75	cloudy
B'pool Airpt	0.4	.58	19	66	rain
Douglas	-	.45	17	63	rain
B'ham Airpt	2.9	-	25	77	cloudy
Bristol (Cnt)	2.8	-	25	77	bright
Leeds	0.6	-	21	70	cloudy
London	8.4	-	25	77	bright
Manchester	1.4	.07	21	70	rain
N'cstl-a-Tyne	0.3	.07	20	68	rain
Anglesey	0.3	.67	17	63	rain
Cardiff (Cnt)	2.8	.05	24	75	rain
Tenby	0.2	.32	20	68	rain
Aberdeen	2.3	.16	22	72	shower
Aviemore	2.8	.04	21	70	shower
Edinburgh	0.4	.02	22	72	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.57	16	64	rain
Glasgow	2.8	.19	20	68	shower
Lerwick	1.0	.37	13	55	rain
Prestwick	0.4	.42	16	64	shower
Stornoway	2.9	.80	15	59	rain
Wick	2.2	.13	19	66	shower
Belfast	0.1	.31	18	64	rain

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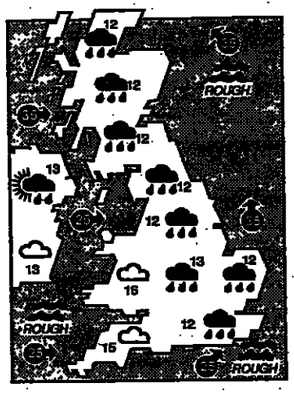
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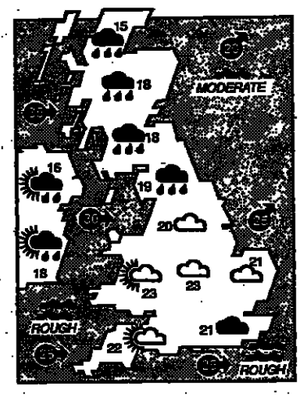
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LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.01 pm to 5.11 am
Bristol 9.11 pm to 5.21 am
Edinburgh 9.29 pm to 5.08 am
Manchester 9.16 pm to 5.13 am
Penzance 9.18 pm to 5.37 am

Sun rises: 5.40 am
Sun sets: 8.31 pm
Moon rises 4.55 pm
Moon sets 11.44 pm
Full Moon August 17

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

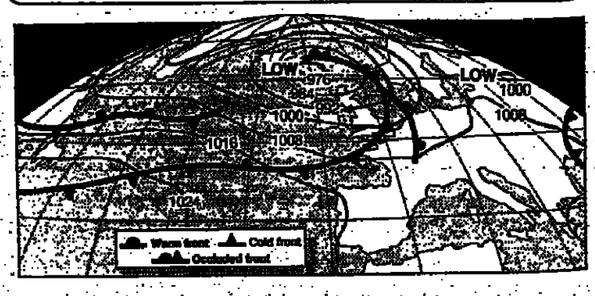
	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	16	61	f	Guernsey	19	66	s
B'ringham	19	66	s	Inverness	17	63	f
Blackpool	17	63	s	Jersey	19	66	f
Bristol	19	66	s	London	17	63	d
Cardiff	21	70	s	M'chester	17	63	c
Edinburgh	18	64	f	Newcastle	15	59	c
Glasgow	16	61	c	R'nldsway	17	63	f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.44	5.6	9.12	5.3	Liverpool	6.01	7.0	6.50	7.0
Aberdeen	6.34	3.2	9.19	3.2	Lowestoft	4.56	2.0	5.09	2.0
Avonmouth	1.22	9.7	1.52	9.2	Margate	6.57	3.8	7.27	3.7
Belfast	6.33	2.8	7.07	2.7	Milford Haven	12.37	5.1	1.19	5.0
Cardiff	1.07	9.2	1.37	8.7	Newquay	—	—	12.19	5.1
Devonport	—	—	12.36	4.3	Oban	12.4	2.9	1.54	2.8
Dover	5.51	5.1	6.27	5.0	Penzance	11.54	4.3	—	—
Fahnouth	—	—	12.6	4.1	Portland	12.19	1.4	12.57	1.4
Glasgow	7.21	4.1	7.59	3.9	Portsmouth	6.27	3.5	6.41	3.7
Harwich	6.29	3.2	6.56	3.1	Shoreham	5.57	4.4	6.40	4.5
Holyhead	5.24	4.2	6.15	4.2					
Hull	12.57	5.7	1.36	5.5	Southampton	6.07	3.5	6.41	3.7
Ilfracombe	12.13	6.7	12.56	6.5	Sunmest	12.50	7.2	1.34	7.0
King's Lynn	—	—	12.28	4.8	Tees	11.10	4.1	11.51	4.1
Leith	9.46	4.3	10.23	4.2	W'ton-on-Nze	6.27	3.4	6.56	3.3

Tide is metres: 1m=3.28ft. Times are BST

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FRIDAY AUGUST 11 1989

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6265 (+0.0070)

W German mark
3.0725 (–0.0021)

Exchange index
92.2 (+0.3)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1961.4 (–10.6)

FT-SE 100
2347.3 (–13.1)

USM (Datastream)
173.63 (–0.76)

Clowes payout

Investors in Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers, the British side of the collapsed investment empire of Mr Peter Clowes, are being sent a further payment today. This brings the payout so far to the bulk of investors to 63p in the pound, but other investors are getting 102p, 105p or 106p.

Hickson jump

The acquisition of Kerley, Manro and Wolman was the main factor behind the 69 per cent rise in first-half pre-tax profits to £20.4 million at Hickson, the organic and timber treatment chemicals producer. The interim dividend goes up 16 per cent to 2.6p.

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S&N ahead

Smith & Nephew, the healthcare group, made pre-tax profits of £64.4 million, up from £54.5 million, in the six months to June. The interim dividend is 1.7p, up 12 per cent.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York:	
Dow Jones	2694.99 (+8.91)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	34719.80 (–139.47)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2608.68 (–18.63)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	196.4 (–1.4)
Sydney: AO	1681.9 (–13.4)
Frankfurt: DAX	1609.88 (+1.22)
Brussels:	
General	6318.04 (+7.95)
Paris: CAC	508.8 (+1.7)
Zurich: SKA Gen	686.0 (–1.4)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	1194.84 (–5.43)
FT–"500"	1322.93 (–6.99)
FT. Gold Mines	197.2 (–0.7)
FT. Fixed Interest	97.71 (+0.33)
FT. Govt Secs	87.54 (+0.16)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Amec	482½p (+10p)
MJ Gleeson	797½p (+13p)
RMC Group	771½p (+11p)
Bowater	530½p (+12p)
Cable & Wireless	577½p (+19p)
Eurotherm	362½p (+16p)
Harland Simon	800p (+83p)
Lec Refrigeration	312½p (+10p)
VG Instruments	424p (+10p)
Laird	282½p (+13p)
Parkfield	448½p (+25p)
Rotork	199p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Cadbury	426½p (–10p)
United Biscuits	389p (–8p)
Hickson	275p (–10p)
Rentokil	384p (–11p)
Eurotunnel Units	875p (–13p)
Candover	392½p (–30p)
Davies & Newman	725p (–10p)
Booker	451½p (–10p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	32562
SEAQ Volume	577.3m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 14%
3-month interbank 13$^{25}/_{32}$–13¾%
3-month eligible bills:13$^{11}/_{32}$–13$^{23}/_{32}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 9%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.96-7.95%*
30-year bonds 107$^{28}/_{32}$-107$^{16}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6265	£: $1.6278*
£: DM3.0725	$: DM1.8915*
£: SwFr2.6496	$: SwFr1.6278*
£: FFr10.3893	$: FFr6.3855*
£: Yen226.06	$: Yen139.08*
£: Index:92.2	$: Index:89.6
ECU £0.674143	SDR £0.788039

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $366.40 pm-$365.85
close $366.00-366.50 (£225.25-225.75)
New York:
Comex $366.40-366.90*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) ... $16.95 bbl ($16.80)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.215	2.085
Austria Sch	22.50	21.25
Belgium Fr	67.50	65.80
Canada $	2.01	1.89
Denmark Kr	12.38	11.78
Finland Mkk	7.27	6.81
France Fr	10.80	10.20
Germany Dm	3.195	3.025
Greece Dr	277.50	259.50
Hong Kong $	13.40	12.50
Ireland Pt	1.207	1.137
Italy Lira	2310	2180
Japan Yen	242	226
Netherlands Gld	3.61	3.41
Norway Kr	11.75	11.10
Portugal Esc	268.50	252.50
South Africa Rd	4.90	4.49
Spain Pta	200	189
Sweden Kr	10.95	10.35
Switzerland Fr	2.765	2.605
Turkey Lira	4000	3400
USA $	1.72	1.62
Yugoslavia Dnr	40000	30000

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 115.4 (June)

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Abbey mailing supervised by Lloyds' staff

By Melinda Wittstock

Employees of Lloyds Bank Registrars closely supervised the work of four mailing houses hired to handle Abbey National share certificates, representatives of the companies told *The Times* yesterday.

But the bank refused to say whether or not it had also monitored the process at Business Mailing Services, the small Greenwich mailing house outside which as many as 300,000 Abbey certificates were found in ashes last month.

The four mailing houses said Lloyds' representatives also checked their capacity, storage facilities and control systems very closely before awarding them the Abbey contracts.

"Lloyds came and looked around — at our machinery, our management systems, our capacity, everything — before hiring us," said Mr Miles Berry, a director of Bradford's Prospect Mailing Services, which handled 950,000 certificates in four days.

He said a team of Lloyds' staff had monitored his company's work "the entire time."

Mr John English, managing director of the West Sussex-based Accelerated Mailing & Marketing, which handled 400,000 certificates in four days, said: "There were between five and eight Lloyds Registrars people here, checking everything as we worked. They had a separate office, as well as a separate telephone and fax line open to them at all times."

The other two mailing houses used, SR Communications, south London, for 612,000 and Kenrick & Jefferson, West Midlands, for 1.05 million, also said Lloyds had closely checked their premises before placing its orders and had been present as the work was carried out.

Lloyds, which has used BMS twice before for smaller runs, did say it had carried out "test-runs" at BMS in May, but refuses to say how large those runs had been.

BMS is a tiny business, operating in two premises, both smaller than a semi-detached house.

With just two inserting machines, it would have been impossible for BMS to complete its 835,000 Abbey order in four days, the time allowed to the other mailing houses. Lloyds would not say how long it gave BMS to complete the work.

Mr Robert Schofield, owner of Hooton Schofield, Tottenham, north London, said it would take between eight to 10 inserting machines, working 16 hours a day to process that many bulky envelopes. Schofield, the fourth largest mailing house in Britain, was bypassed by Lloyds for the Abbey contract even though Lloyds Bank is a regular customer. Each of the other four mailing houses used were considerably larger than BMS. Accelerated has 40 employees utilizing 8,000 sq ft of space; SR Communications has 400 employees and 100,000 sq ft of space, Prospect has 100 employees and 85,000 sq ft of space.Kenrick, a security printer which would not reveal its size, has 200 employees on the mailing house side.

Lloyds expects to have mailed out at least 300,000 replacement Abbey National share certificates and refund cheques by the weekend to those shareholders whose certificates were destroyed in the mysterious bonfire.

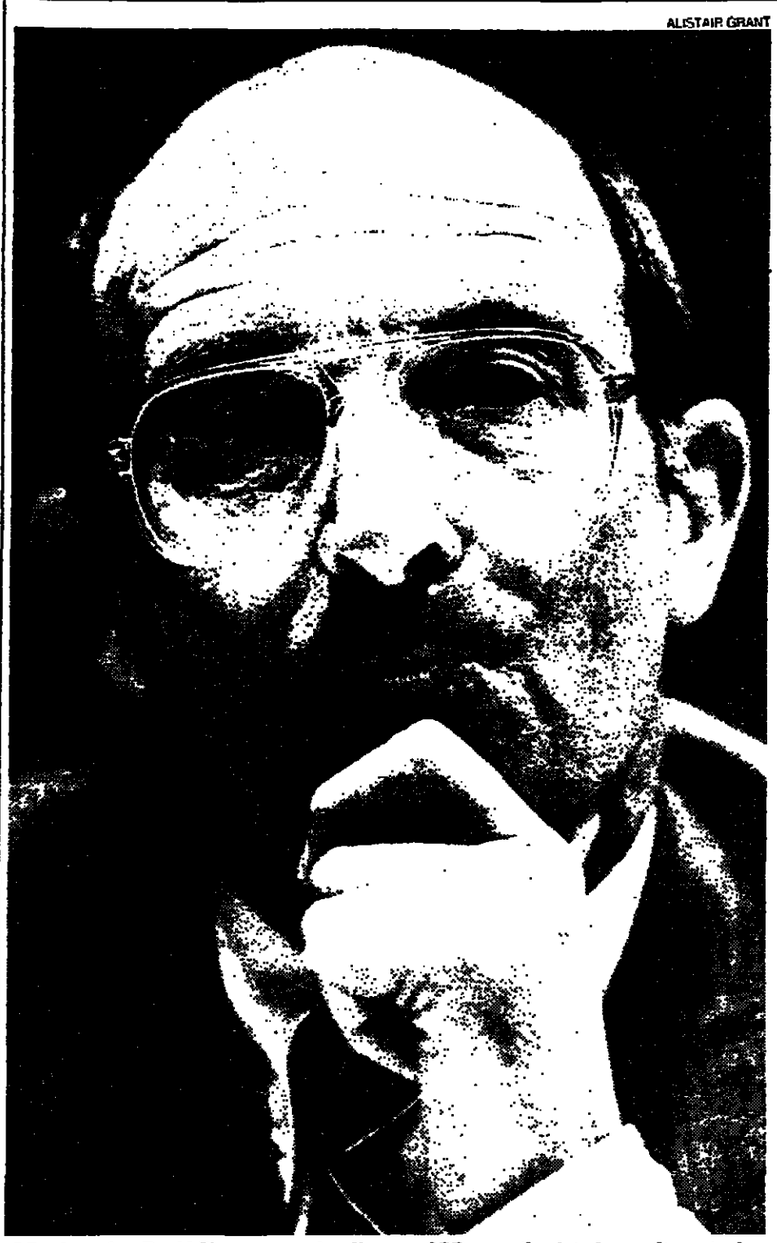
The bank, which on Wednesday, armed with a court order, seized four "medium-sized" lorry loads of Sharelink leaflets and other documents to be included with the share certificates, from the BMS premises, has yet to sort through the pile.

Lloyds said the number of inquiries from Abbey shareholders, 80 per cent of whom live in areas served by BMS, has jumped to 320,000 from 265,000 in the past two days. Some inquiries may be from people who have received cheques and are hoping for a second one, the bank said.

A total 31,000 refund cheques have yet to be cashed, 21,000 of which are known to have been handled through BMS. Lloyds said 11,000 of the BMS-handled cheques have now been reissued.

The Abbey National flotation on July 11 was the biggest flotation ever seen in the UK, with 5.3 million members of the former building society taking up both free and paid-for shares.

BP and Shell report strong half-time profits



ALISTAIR GRANT

Oil price gains: David Simon, managing director of BP, reporting interim results yesterday

Oil firms signal petrol price cut

Petrol prices on forecourts could fall again soon as the oil companies remain competitive.

Both Royal Dutch Shell and BP reported strong results yesterday but both emphasized that profit margins on petrol sales were already unrealistic. However, they could be forced into yet deeper price cuts to maintain market share.

The British market is producing a return on capital of less than 8 per cent. This is "much less than we could get by putting our money in the building society," said one oil company chief executive.

Shell surprised the City with first-half net profits of £2,287 million against £1,461 million last year. Stripping out the effects of the fluctuation in the value of oil stocks, Shell rose from £1,563 million to £2,018 million.

BP raised net profits from £620 million to £1,085 million

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over the half year, although after stripping out oil stocks, profits are up just £8 million to £742 million.

Both companies improved oil output and sales, especially in the lucrative North American markets, and benefited from comparatively stable world oil prices, which resulted in improved profits from stocks.

However, they gave warning that the world oil price remained volatile. Both are aware that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report into petrol retailing could mean expensive changes to their marketing operations in Britain.

Shell will make its dividend announcement next month, with most forecasters predicting just under 8p. BP's second interim dividend of 3.65p takes its half-year total to 7.3p, against the single interim payout last year of 5p. However, BP has declared a policy of spreading its dividend more evenly over the year and it has again offered shareholders the option of taking their dividend in cash or shares.

● Clyde Petroleum is taking over the oil assets of DSM, the Dutch chemical company, in return for Clyde shares worth about £7 million. The assets involved are a 5 per cent interest owned by DSM in the Alba block in the North Sea and in nine other exploration licences. The deal takes DSM's Clyde stake to 9.7 per cent.

Profits 'likely to fall at water authorities'

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Most of the 10 water authorities are likely to forecast a fall in profits this year in the privatization prospectuses to be published in November.

This could sharply reduce the potential proceeds of the sale unless the new companies pay out a higher proportion of their lower profits in dividends than originally intended.

Operating profits will be squeezed because the authorities were allowed lower price rises than they wanted in the last year of the old regime and inflation has since risen. They will have to finance a sharp rise in capital expenditure from last year's £1.1 billion from price increases averaging 9.8 per cent, which leave only a modest margin above inflation. They will also not yet have much benefit from the promised debt write-off, which is only promised by next March.

In a first estimate, SG Warburg Securities, the Government's broker for the sale of water shares, says combined pre-tax profits may fall from £1.2 billion to £1.1 billion in the year to end-March 1990. It had been assumed that profits would rise.

The fall would not affect longer-term prospects, which will be dictated by the new price controls aimed at enabling the authorities to pay steadily rising dividends.

But if investors demand an average dividend yield of 8 per cent, proceeds from the sale would be sharply reduced. Warburg says if dividends are covered three times by profits, the initial value of the industry would be only £5.6 billion on this basis, far less than the Government expects.

Proceeds would only reach between £6.5 billion and £7 billion, which the Treasury would want, if investors accepted a much lower initial income of about 6.5 per cent. This problem could be quickly resolved if the authorities reduced their dividend cover to between 2 and 2.5 times. But this would make it harder for some ambitious authorities to use profits to expand into other businesses.

Inflation has peaked says Bank

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Inflation has probably peaked, says the Bank of England in its latest Quarterly Bulletin. Policies are working although the effect of last year's interest rates rise has not fully worked through the economy.

However, the Bank gives warning that any significant fall in the pound would keep interest rates at present levels for longer than expected. If base rates have to stay at the present level for some time, there is a risk that mortgage rates will rise, although this is not an immediate threat.

The Bank is particularly concerned about the rise in pay in the service industries. Pay settlements have tended to match those in manufacturing although productivity increases have been much lower. The result is that unit wage costs in the service industries may be rising by as much as 8½ per cent a year.

The tightening of monetary policy has stopped house price increases around the country with some falls evident in London and the South East. Consumer spending has also moderated.

Company profit margins are being squeezed, and after strong growth last year investment is expected to slow down. But there is little sign of any effect of the squeeze on the labour market.

So far private sector confidence seems robust and the most likely outcome is a soft landing. But the Bank says the balance of risks lies in favour of tightening too much.

Lewinsohn severs last links with Dominion

By Martin Waller

Mr Max Lewinsohn, for more than 15 years the driving force behind Dominion International, resigned abruptly as its deputy chairman at yesterday's annual shareholders' meeting, severing his last links with the financial services, property and natural resources group he built up.

His decision to go came after shareholders, including the former British tennis star Mr Buster Mottram, refused to vote through three board proposals to issue shares.

A spokesman said "serious discussion" would now take place over a compensation package for Mr Lewinsohn.

The shareholder revolt was largely instigated by two brothers who have been building their holding in Dominion from a long-standing 6.6 per cent to just short of 12 per cent. Mr Roy and Mr Don Richardson are investors and property developers based in the Midlands.

A source close to the company said they had taken their action "just to make the point that they have a significant shareholding and they can do what they want."

Insider cases reach courts

By Gillian Bowditch

Mr Malcolm Gooding, of London, has been committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court on a charge of insider dealing in the shares of Hawtal Whiting, the motor design consultant.

The committal at Guildhall Magistrates' Court is the latest in a series of insider dealing cases. Several insider dealing cases were postponed last year, pending an appeal, heard last October, in the case of Mr Brian Fisher, a London businessman. The Lord Chief Justice Lord Lane ruled that Mr Fisher, was wrongly acquitted of insider dealing. The decision did not affect Mr Fisher's acquittal, but removed a loophole in the law which threatened to let insider dealers off the hook.

These cases are starting to reach the courts and in addition to Mr Gooding's, seven more are pending trial.

Mr David Holyoak, Mr Arthur Hill, and Mr Ian Morl, three former Touche Ross accountants, have been committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court. Mr John Briggs, deputy chairman of Wheway Holdings, has been committed for trial at Reading County Court. Miss Sarah Coren and Mr Jonathon Greenway have been committed for trial at Southwark Crown Court on January 4, 1990. Mr John Hales has been committed for trial at St Albans Crown Court. Mr Ivor Goodman has been committed for trial on August 17 this year. Mr Piers Fitzwilliams, a former director of City and Westminster, has been committed for trial at Southampton County Court.

The DTI is looking at 14 other insider cases.

DTI issues order in connection with insider inquiry

Freeze on mystery ConsGold shares

By Colin Campbell

The Government has imposed a "freeze" order on 166,558 shares in Consolidated Gold Fields, valued on the London stock market at £2.46 million, after the true owners refused to identify themselves.

The addresses on which the freeze orders were served are essentially South African. The orders were made by the Department of Trade and Industry in pursuit of its insider dealing inquiry, launched last October at the height of Minorco's bid for ConsGold.

The freeze orders, issued at the direction of Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary, were served on French Bank Nomineess, holding 23,539 ConsGold shares on the London register and 1,203 shares on the South African register; Indo China Nominees South Africa, in respect of 22,291 shares; Eighty-One Main Street Nominees, holder of 81,000 shares; Standard Chartered Nominees, holder of 33,000 shares on the London register; and Nedbank Nominees, holder of 5,525 ConsGold shares on the South African register. (The South African addresses are all in Johannesburg — 81 Main Street is the registered address of Nedbank Group.)

The order makes any transfer void, strips the shares of voting rights, prohibits their owners from benefiting from any offer, and except on a liquidation, halts any payment due.

In June, the DTI similarly imposed a restriction order on a block of 320,000 ConsGold shares with Cayman Island addresses.

The DTI's latest action follows its failure to identify the true owners of the shares — despite repeated formal requests under the Companies Act to the names on the share register.

ConsGold itself earlier served various notices under the Companies Act (requiring the recipient to identify true ownership). After its frustration in not receiving satisfactory answers, ConsGold passed the matter to the government inspectors, Mr Philip Heslop, QC, and Mr Richard Lewis FCA.

They were appointed in response to suggestions that the ConsGold share register had been de-stabilized before and during Minorco's bid last September. Their inquiry continues.

In May this year, Minorco was defeated by US legal moves in its bid attempt. ConsGold has since been taken over by Hanson.

● The level of acceptances by shareholders in ConsGold for Hanson's £3.5 billion bid, which stood at 57.3 per cent at the first closing date on August 4, is understood to have reached the mid-70 per cent level. The freeze order stops the owners of the 166,558 shares from accepting Hanson's bid.

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BTR Nylex goes up Down Under

There's no pleasing 'em Down Under. BTR's 63 per cent-owned Australasia BTR Nylex turned in pre-tax profits for the six months ended June of Aus$376.4 million (£179 million), against Aus$197.9 million, and at the net level a profit 112.8 per cent higher at Aus$225.3 million.

The dividend jumped from 4.3 cents to 10 cents a share, but its share price fell by 15 cents before closing 4 cents higher at Aus$5.74.

In London, BTR – whose share of BTR Nylex results accounts for an estimated 40 per cent of pre-tax profits and which stands to collect the equivalent of £141.9 million at the net level – saw its shares 5p weaker at 423p after what some called the "knock-on effect of disappointing" results from Australia.

Since the "disappointment" stemmed from one over-optimistic forecast of what BTR Nylex was likely to turn in at half time, the respective price weaknesses are not expected to last too long.

Superficially, margins appear to have fallen from 18.4 to 17.7 per cent over the half year.

But BTR Nylex has been a fast-moving animal since last year – Feltrax, the building products company, joined the fold on January 1 and contributed an operating profit of Aus$78.1 million for the half year – and a like-for-like comparison still shows some respectable divisional margin gains.

Polymers were hit by reduced profitability in Taiwan – not helped by mainland China's problems – but margins within the glass, resources and textiles division marched from 10 per cent to 20 per cent, and overall margins from Feltrax rose from 14 per cent to 17 per cent.

Further margin improvement is likely as the BTR style of management is entrenched.

Gearing at BTR Nylex has eased from 66 per cent to 38 per cent, and although suggestions of a mega-deal may be wide of the mark, BTR Nylex clearly has the appetite for an acquisition – and may not be long in finalizing one.

Meanwhile, the spotlight turns to BTR's interim results, due on September 13, and forecasts for BTR's full year still stand at between £1.05 billion and £1.1 billion. BTR shares trade on a prospective p/e of 12.2. Hold.

Hickson

Since the middle of last year, Hickson has splashed out no less than £85 million on acquisitions. This bout of corporate empire-building goes a long way to explain the 69 per cent rise in half-time profits to £20.4 million, while the associated rights issue highlights the slower growth in earnings, which were little more than a third up at 9.1p.

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Decision pays: Kenneth Kemp, left, and Eric Kinder yesterday

Although the acquisitions came in a rush, they were very much as planned by Mr John Marvin, who became managing director in 1985. In his view, Hickson was focussed too narrowly on production and sales in Britain, and he set out to buy up businesses in the US and Europe that would give Hickson a dominant share of the world market in certain niche chemicals.

The clearest example of this was the $68 million (£42.3 million) purchase of Koppers' Wolman subsidiary from Beazer at the end of 1988.

Wolman has the US licences for the same patented timber protection chemicals that Hickson has in Britain and, at a stroke, the acquisition raised the group's share of the world market to 40 per cent.

The emphasis has now switched to internal development, with the £20 million investment in a plant at Castleford, West Yorkshire. When it comes on stream in 1991 it will boost Hickson's position in certain organic chemicals used in the manufacture of products such as pesticides and dyes.

Mr Marvin wants to twin this business with a similar one in the US, but such companies would cost more than 20 times earnings.

At present, they are beyond the reach of Hickson's paper, on a prospective p/e ratio of 12 at 279p, assuming profits reach £38 million and earnings rise to 23.4p in the full year.

If only "Black Jack" Dellal could be persuaded to raise his stake above 13 per cent, the subsequent re-rating of the shares might enable Mr Marvin to fulfil his ambitions.

Smith & Nephew

Smith & Nephew, the health-care group, is nearing the end of its convalescence after an 18-month period of ill-health.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to June rose 18 per cent to £64.4 million and are in line with City expectations.

Turnover for the period increased 20 per cent to £320.7 million and earnings per share were up 11 per cent to 4.44p. The interim dividend is raised 12 per cent at 1.7p.

During an 18-month period, Smith & Nephew was hit by the increased efficiency drive within the National Health Service that led to tighter stock controls, and by the downturn in consumer spending.

Its textile division, which exports denim, also had a difficult time.

The group was struggling to produce the 20 per cent earnings growth the City had come to expect.

At that stage, Mr Kenneth Kemp, chairman, and Mr Eric Kinder, chief executive, decided to buy into high-margin, high-technology US health-care businesses such as Ioptex, which makes eye lenses for cataract surgery, and Richards, one of the top three orthopaedic companies in the US.

The decision appears to be paying off. Richards had a very strong first half and Ioptex is increasing its market share.

In Britain, the outlook is also brighter. Sales to British hospitals increased although pressure remains intense, and the effect of the National Health Service shake-up is likely to be felt at Smith & Nephew for at least a further 18 months, according to Mr Didier Cowling, analyst at Nomura.

The pharmaceutical divisions made good progress and the textile business is making a gradual recovery.

The hot summer weather has done wonders for Nivea, where sales of suntan lotion have increased 20 per cent.

The shares, which rose 1.5p to 138p yesterday, are on an historic p/e of about 15 and a prospective p/e of 13.3 assuming pre-tax profits of £147.6 million and earnings of 10.4p for the full year.

The recovery has already started, making the shares a long-time buy.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Leisure Investments sells hotel for £14.6m

Leisure Investments, the casino and leisure interests group, is selling the Hotel Burstin in Folkestone to Control Securities for £14.6 million. The Burstin, a 485-room holiday hotel on a 2½-acre site at Folkestone Harbour, specializes in short breaks and full-week holidays for domestic tourists. In the eight months to end-December 1988, it recorded a pre-tax profit of £883,000 with net assets of £4.94 million.

The disposal is the latest in a series of planned transactions following the acquisition of LandLeisure, which have included the sale of assets at Land's End and Falmouth, Cornwall, the disposal of an office development in Newbury, Berkshire, and the sale of shareholdings in TV-am and in Whitegate Leisure. Proceeds from the sale will be used to reduce the company's borrowings.

Half-time rise for D&M

Davies & Metcalfe, the railway signaller and bracemaker, boosted pre-tax profits by 20 per cent to £868,900 in the six months to end-June, despite competition, which put pressure on margins. But directors say the order book is continuing to grow due to increased demand from both home and export markets. Earnings per share are 8.39p (7.02p) and the interim dividend is 0.72p (0.67p).

Law interim up to £2.14m

Law Debenture Corporation, the investment trust, yesterday reported a 22.8 per cent increase in pre-tax profits from £1.74 million to £2.14 million in the six months to the end of June. Earnings per share climbed from 5.38p to 6.63p, and the interim dividend is 5p, compared with 3.75p previously. Directors expect to recommend a final dividend of not less than 7.75p.

Epwin jumps 86%

Epwin Group, the plastic window and double-glazing manufacturer, saw its pre-tax profits jump by 86 per cent to £1.13 million in the half year to June. The company is raising its interim dividend by 13 per cent to 1.8p.

Epwin also announced the acquisition of MSC, a double-glazing unit manufacturer, for up to £1.84 million. Epwin is paying the initial cost of £1.42 million with a vendor placing of 1.03 million shares at 137p each. The remainder will be based on MSC's profits for the year to October, payable in two instalments. MSC, based in Dudley, West Midlands, makes double glazing for DIY retailers. Last year, it had profits of £185,000 on sales of £2.8 million. Epwin said the acquisition would expand the group's manufacturing capacity and customer base.

Chieftain in 7% profit fall

Chieftain Group, the insulation and fireproofing distributor, suffered a 7 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £602,000 for the six months to end-June. Turnover dropped 9 per cent to £4.54 million. The interim dividend is being increased by 0.2p to 1.8p. The fall was blamed on competitive market conditions, while Chieftain said it refused to accept any unprofitable contracts.

Rotork order book 'strong'

Rotork, the pumps and valve manufacturer, made interim pre-tax profits of £2.7 million, up from £2.3 million last time. Turnover was £18.4 million, compared with £17.2 million. Earnings per share rose from 5p to 5.9p and the interim dividend is increased to 3.5p from 3.25p. The company says its order book is stronger than it has been for some time. Rotork shares rose 2p to 185p.

Compco assets up 33%

The net asset value of Compco Holdings, the property trader and investor, rose by a third from 942p to £12.61 per share in the year to end-March, mainly as a result of revaluations. Pre-tax profits, a third of which came from property trading, rose 54 per cent to £1.24 million, lifting earnings per share by 72 per cent to 39p. A dividend of 10.5p is proposed and the shares were unmoved on the announcement at 900p.

Last year the company sold office units in Slough, Buckinghamshire and the group's industrial units in Tonbridge, Kent. Since the year-end the company has acquired a 15-acre industrial site at Belvedere, Kent, then disposed of three-quarters of it.

What the papers say

THE INDEPENDENT

On a Sky News bulletin: The script was neat, crisp but not pop, the film was shot close in, giving a vivid intensity. The control gallery staff worked together immaculately... There was no sign of distracting Americanisms, or of light-entertainment production techniques.

Maggie Brown, 1 February

Daily Express

I have regularly enjoyed my now regular monitoring of the Derek Jameson show on Sky Channel. The proceedings are endlessly and joyously surprising. It was tremendously entertaining. Potential cult television. And further reason why Derek's show should be beamed peak-time into all our homes.

Peter Tory, 27 May

FINANCIAL TIMES

Best of Sky's talk series is Target, in which Norman Tebbit and Austin Mitchell grill somebody who is in the news. This series gives a number of new twists to the old talk show format... the programme works very well indeed.

Christopher Dunkley, 17 May

The Listener

In an era when most of the rest of national TV... fiddle frustratedly with double-headed anchoring as if it were a BSB satellite receiver, Sky News has effortlessly assembled a raft of journalistically able, camera friendly, non-bimbo front people.

James Saynor, 20 July

The Guardian

Carmen was live. Not something dead like Saturday night television on the conventional channels. Look at the programmes. You wouldn't keep a dog in on a night like that.

Nancy Banks-Smith, 12 June

BROADCAST

On The Frank Bough Interview: Frank's style is fast and quick with a lot of pace, exacting research, and a very keen journalistic eye and ear, and this alone provides a sense of excitement on the screen.

John Ranelagh, 5 May

We couldn't have put it better ourselves

SKY

Norsk Data chief resigns as losses continue to mount

By Gillian Bowditch

Mr Rolf Skar, the founder and president of Norsk Data, the troubled computer group which was once Norway's fastest growing business, has resigned on the back of increased losses.

The mini-computer manufacturer said it was splitting the company into smaller, independent units in an attempt to avert further losses.

Mr Erik Engebretsen, Norsk's new president, said: "The reorganization is necessary to get us closer to the market and to give direct responsibility for results to different parts of the firm. Some of the units will be split off into separate companies, which will actively seek partners for co-operation to strengthen their competitiveness."

Norsk expects the figures for the first half of 1989, due on August 29, to show a loss of 240 million kroner (£21.3 million), before extraordinary items, compared with its 1988 loss of Kr136 million. Last year, the group made a loss of Kr271 million and no dividend was paid.

The group started its restructuring in January when 800 staff – 20 per cent of the workforce – were made redundant.

The latest to go is Mr Skar who acknowledged that a radically new organization has to be under fresh leadership. He will continue to be at the board's disposal but will no longer be involved in the daily running of the company. Mr Engebretsen said in Oslo that there will be yet more redundancies as a result of the further restructuring.



Skar: founder of Norsk Data

"It is unfortunately an unavoidable fact that there will be fewer employees when this restructuring has been carried out," Mr Engebretsen said without giving figures.

Norsk ran into problems last year for three reasons. It relied too much on the Norwegian computer market, it failed to comprehend or exploit technological changes (which put intense pressures on margins) and it did not respond rapidly enough to customers' demands.

Despite yesterday's proposed restructuring, there are doubts as to whether the company will be able to recover on its own and analysts believe it may be absorbed into a bigger group.

Norsk Data's shares fell 5p to 405p in light trading in London.

Foreign & Colonial asset value up 24%

By Our City Staff

The Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust, Britain's second largest, with assets of more than £1 billion, reports a 24 per cent increase in the net asset value per share to 176.8p for the six months to end-June.

Total revenue expanded from £18.07 million to £18.8 million and pre-tax revenue from £10.9 million to £12.6 million. Earnings per share climbed from 1.46p to 1.68p and the interim dividend goes up from 0.72p to 0.8p.

Unless inflation accelerates, or the slowdown in other economies spreads to the Continent, the board sees scope for European stock markets, where investments account for 10 per cent, to go higher, with Europe accounting for 20 per cent of total investments within a year.

Booming Philips looks at PolyGram float

By George Sivell

Philips, the Dutch electronics group, is considering floating a minority stake in its 90 per cent-owned PolyGram International, the world's largest record group.

Flotation plans were postponed after the October 1987 shares crash.

Philips declined to comment on the likely timing of the flotation but pointed out that PolyGram first had to digest its £180 million acquisition of Island Records, the British group bought last week.

Philips yesterday also announced a near-doubling of second-quarter net profits to 235 million guilders (£68 million) from Fl 121 million in the same quarter last year.

The results were slightly below stock market hopes and in London the shares slipped from 1,250p to 1,220p.

This takes the half-year net profit up from Fl 338 million to Fl 458 million and Mr Henk Goris, the group finance director, afterwards reaffirmed a forecast of 1989 net profit above the Fl 1.06 billion of 1988.

Operational income would also be higher than the Fl 243 billion of last year, he said. The large increase in second-quarter net profit is partly exaggerated by a 44 per cent fall this time last year.

The profit was also bolstered by an extraordinary gain of Fl 38 million on the sale of Swedish defence division, Philips Elektronik Industrier, to Nobel Industrier.

Philips' interest charges for the first half were down from Fl 904 million to Fl 818 million against Fl 904 million last year.

Mr Henk Appelo, management group member, said Philips's main problems were in the components and professional products and systems division. He described the marketing of chips for mini-computers as a particularly weak spot.

Reorganization at the company's medical systems operations dampened results. Some directors say the group could seek alliances to bolster this division's market position. But last month, Mr Hans van Bree, the Philips Medical Systems president, said the unit was not planning a merger or joint venture.

Philips spent Fl 97 million of a total Fl 110 million on reorganization in the first half of 1989 of its consumer electronics division. Mr Goris said the restructuring was on schedule and an improvement of results was to be expected.

For the full year 1989, restructuring costs are expected to total Fl 250 million-Fl 300 million against Fl 476 million in 1988.

The higher dollar, compared with the previous year, boosted sales by about 4 per cent and is seen lifting annual sales also by 4 per cent.

Philips said it was having discussions on the future of the defence electronics business, Hollandsche Signaalapparaten BV, but declined to comment on speculation that it was talking to Thomson-CSF of France.

BTR Nylex raises payout on 90% jump

By Colin Campbell

BTR Nylex, the 63 per cent owned Australian-New Zealand polymer to packaging group, is raising its interim dividend from 4 cents to 10 cents a share on the back of a 90 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to Aus$376.4 million (£177 million) and a 112.8 per cent rise in net profit to Aus$225.3 million.

Because the profits outcome was shy of one bullish Australian forecast made ahead of the announcement, BTR Nylex shares traded lower in Australian markets, and in London shares of the parent group BTR came in for selling.

Sir Owen Green, chairman of BTR Nylex, yesterday thought the stock market reaction was "odd" to what was otherwise an excellent set of results.

Sales by BTR Nylex rose from Aus$1.31 billion to Aus$2.45 billion, and include Aus$734.3 million from Feltrax – acquired by the group with effect from January 1.

The group says its current order levels indicate that the company "is on course to achieve further progress in the second half-year," and that gearing at the interim had fallen back from 66 per cent to 38 per cent.

In Australia, Mr Alan Jackson, BTR Nylex's managing director, said the results "certainly beat our expectations in almost all the areas where we operate in."

He forcast that the company was well on its way to recording a Aus$1 billion operating profit for the full year.

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J Jarvis up 128% to £1.6m

By Our City Staff

J Jarvis Holdings, the building contractor and property dealer, boosted profits 128 per cent to £1.67 million for the year to March. The final dividend is 1.5p, making 2.25p for the year, up 41 per cent on 1988's single 1.6p payout.

The company also made an exceptional profit of £1.13 million on the sale of Newsweek House, Slough, Berkshire, diminished by £414,000 reorganization costs.

The construction division reported reduced profits due to the timing of some of its larger contracts. A revaluation of the group's property portfolio puts company assets at 138p a share.

Interim profit for Fergabrook

By Neil Bennett

Fergabrook, the revitalized toy distributor, made a pre-tax profit of £157,000, in the six months to end-June, after a loss of £2.66 million last time.

There is no dividend, despite it being the first time the company has made an interim profit for four years.

Fergabrook is to change its name to Clearmark Group, to cover its toys and plastics manufacturing division.

Mr Philip Harrison, the chief executive, said: "We didn't want a toy business when we moved in, but we were faced with one.

"So we cut the Rainbow toy business back to good solid basics like metal cars, sold off all the fashionable parts, and it turned round from nearly £1 million in losses to a £300,000 profit."

He added: "It's almost unheard of for a toy company to make a profit in the first half of the year."

Fergabrook also made substantial savings by cutting overheads, including the closure of its head office.

Meanwhile, its Wembley plastic ball manufacturer broke even after increased development expenditure. Wembley has completed its deal to manufacture one million balls a year in Lithuania. The company's Far East distributor made a small loss. With the addition of Wembley in the figures, Fergabrook's sales almost doubled to £10.4 million in the period. Henry Cooke Lumsden, the company's broker, is forecasting a £1.3 million profit this year, after last year's £4.2 million loss.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Toasting a turnaround: Philip Harrison, left, and Richard King, the chairman, yesterday

Copson up ahead of hotel move

By Our City Staff

F Copson, the builders' merchant which is being transformed into an hotel chain, has announced the acquisition of a hotel and a nursing home for £3.4 million. The company also increased pre-tax profits 24 per cent to £931,000 in the half-year to end-April. The dividend is up a third to 4p.

The figures include only the traditional merchanting business. In May Mr Satish Chatwani became the company chairman, and Copson acquired the Letchworth Hall Hotel from his private business. Figures from this and the latest acquisitions will be included in the full year figures.

Copson is buying the Hare and Hounds Hotel near Newbury, Berkshire, for £1.93 million and the Conifers nursing home in Preston, Lancashire, for £1.45 million. The money will be borrowed.

Demand for executives falls

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Record levels of demand for executives in the first quarter of this year fell away during the following three months.

This emerges from the latest quarterly index researched by MSL International, the recruitment consultancy.

Demand for executives is running 13 per cent below the same period last year with sales and marketing especially hit, down almost 30 per cent on annual comparison. Management recruitment in high technology industries plummeted 42 per cent.

But MSL believes the latest figures do not yet signal a downturn trend. Mr Barry Curnow, chairman and chief executive of MSL, said: "We feel this is very much a period of marking time in recruiting terms rather than a downturn." He believes chief executives are being cautious about economic prospects rather than demonstrating a more radical reaction. At the same time there was still a big shortage of the right candidates for jobs on offer.

The MSL index is based on the rate of advertised demand for executive jobs across key trade and industry sectors. More than 40,000 jobs are analyzed each year.

H&W sale agreement signed

By Robert Rodwell

The signing of an agreement for the sale of state-owned Harland & Wolff took the Belfast shipyard a large step closer to the private sector yesterday.

The deal was signed by Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Fred Olsen, the Norwegian shipping magnate, and Mr John Parker, chairman and chief executive of H&W. Mr Brooke predicted the privatization would be completed early next month.

H&W is being sold by the Government to a consortium comprising Mr Olsen, who is putting up £12 million, H&W's own management and employees, contributing £2.5 million, and local investors who are being offered the remaining £500,000 equity.

Mr Parker said the buyout was conditional on a successful share issue to employees, for which a date is expected within two weeks.

Scotland for brave McBean

Ian McBean, top-ranked whisky analyst for many years in the 1970s and early 1980s, and these days head of research at County NatWest WoodMac, will be leaving the firm at the end of next month. McBean, aged 44, a one-time WoodMac partner, and also once a top-ranked analyst in the brewing, tobacco and entertainment and catering sectors, will be handing the reins over to his chosen number two, London-based Philip Augar, who was persuaded to return to the City by McBean in April, after a two-year spell as the bursar of St Catharine's College, Cambridge. McBean, who runs the research team from Edinburgh, says that the main reason for his resignation is his determination to remain in the Scottish capital. County's researchers are at present divided with half its 100 or so employees at each of the two offices. "I've been thinking about this for more than a year," says father-of-four McBean. "That's why I recruited Philip, with a view to him eventually taking over. I really don't want to live in London, I much prefer the quality of life in Edinburgh, and yet increasingly over the past year I was having to spend three days a week down there. It's impossible to get any continuity like that. The whole arrangement was unsatisfactory. To do the job properly I would have to move to London and that's something I'm not prepared to do."

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To Russia with Ernst

Fresh from its merger, the accountancy firm Ernst & Young – Ernst & Whinney plus Arthur Young – is going into tourism in its own way. From next month, its Eastern European Division, in London, will be running one-week "commercial study tours" to Leningrad and Moscow for Western businessmen. The package will include seminars on the Soviet economy, practical tips on doing business there, and targeted meetings with officials. Stuart Thom, the Russian-speaking Scot who was once Commercial Secretary at the Moscow Embassy (now a senior consultant at E&Y), will act as tour leader and has great hopes for the programme, which is being run in association with Vneshkonsult, the Soviet business consultancy. The cost? A mere £3,750 (plus VAT) per head, caviar included.

Twin disasters

There is nothing like a public award to put the kiss of death on a business or career, as many a *Guardian* Young Businessman of the year will tell you. So John McKimmie's typesetting business Parkway was in for a double dose of disaster when it was named USM company of the year, in March, and McKimmie was singled out as a leader of his industry come 2000 by the *Evening Standard* magazine. So far this week, Parkway's shares have slumped 65p to 170p on the back of Wednesday's profits warning.



"Careful – it's the unbundling season."

Cavill's travels

Complaints from some of ANZ-McCaughan's 45 redundant brokers that Bryan Cavill, the firm's managing director, had just taken receipt of a £30,000 7 series BMW are, I can reveal, unfounded. "I have a two-year-old 5 series BMW," he told me. "But I *have* just had it re-road taxed. No, it's not rusty, I look after it well – because I don't know when the company will be able to buy me a new one."

O'Neill's dilemma

News of a £7 million development plan for Belfast's modest City Airport will have been received with mixed feelings by a Kensington restaurateur. For Hugh O'Neill, the expatriate Ulster bon vivant who has just sold 51 per cent of his St Quentin Restaurant, Brassiere and delicatessen in London's Brompton Road to the Savoy Group, is also chairman of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and of Northern Ireland Airports, which operates the rival Belfast International Airport at Aldergrove. O'Neill was put in to shake up a complacent and dictatorial Aldergrove management, which had lost traffic and several airline operators to City Airport since its launch six years ago by Short Brothers, the plane manufacturer. And even O'Neill's enemies admit that improvements in both the facilities and attitudes at Aldergrove under his regime have been dramatic. Indeed, only recently, Northern Ireland Airports was known to have been manoeuvring to take over Belfast City Airport since Shorts' own future was unclear. But this new development project is surely evidence that the Canadian Bombardier Group, which assumes ownership of Shorts next month, is ready to invest further in the smaller airport, thus dashing O'Neill's plan. O'Neill, meanwhile, wearing his other hat as NI Tourist Board chief, can hardly be dismayed at the prospect of such improvements.

Carol Leonard

COMMENT

Peril in ignoring the economic propaganda

Nicholas Brady's contention that bailing out America's thrifts will reduce interest rates can probably be dismissed as a propaganda exercise, aimed at putting a bit more pressure on the Federal Reserve to help buoy up the American economy.

The Bank of England's warning that British interest rates will have to stay up for a long time yet also has an element of propaganda. In this case, it is aimed at foreign exchange dealers, who have a habit of becoming trigger-happy with their "sell sterling" buttons at this time of year.

Unfortunately, the Bank's message also carries more conviction. There has been a spate of euphoria recently as hitherto totally erratic economic statistics begin to agree on the broad point that the credit squeeze is working. The trouble is that the effect, while painful and tangible, is so far mainly confined to the housing and consumer durables markets. The labour market remains tight, earnings are responding to the peak of retail price inflation and unit wage costs are rising at an alarming rate.

As both the Bank and the OECD point out with frustration, the quality of economic statistics has declined to a point where they seriously undermine policy analysis. But there is nothing else to go on.

The figure for unit wage costs, in particular, tend to give a false sense of security because the monthly figures – showing a rise of about 3 per cent – apply only to manufacturing. In the larger service sector, they may be rising at 8.5 per cent because of low productivity gains, which means that manufacturing costs would have to be falling for underlying inflation to be cut substantially.

The annual OECD survey of the UK does not envisage inflation falling below 5 per cent in the second half of next year. Its message, too, is that pressure for a quick easing of policy would be misplaced. There is a good chance of a soft landing which would bring down inflation without destroying growth at the 2 per cent envisaged for 1990. The OECD emphasizes, however, that the chances of existing interest rates having too harsh an effect, so that the economy landed bumpily into recession, are quite small.

They had better be right. After such a chorus of cautionary advice, the Chancellor would find it hard to cut interest rates quickly without undermining his anti-inflationary credentials in the markets.

Myths and morals

The latest issue of *Fundamentals*, an investment newsletter from Legal & General, might raise a hollow laugh at Plessey, or persuade BAT Industries it can relax in its fight against Hoylake.

For, according to L&G, "most institutions still believe that there is a greater good attached to being a shareholder beyond making a quick buck. This means supporting good management and applying the voice of reason rather than the voice of treason." Better tell that to the quick buck merchants who sold Plessey out to GEC Siemens a week or two back.

That high moral tone, which may be appropriate for L&G and for many institutions, does not, we suspect, apply to "most," simply because monthly performance figures are not compiled on the basis of the greater good.

L&G also makes the entirely reasonable point that they have little choice, if management will not listen to shareholders, but to vote with their feet or accept a takeover. But it is a pity, says L&G's director of investment strategy, Mike Payne, "that so often the offer made by professional corporate raiders leaves the shareholder with less than full value".

No prizes for guessing which raiders he might have in mind.

Greater profit ahead

Both Shell and BP have shown that substantial profits can still be made in the oil business and that large sophisticated companies can live with oil price volatility.

However, the threat to them could now come from outside the oil industry.

The chemicals divisions of both companies, which supply the basic building blocks for manufacturing industry to make the products which the customer buys, are picking up signs of a general slowing down in the market place.

For that reason, while some analysts are upgrading their full-year profit forecasts, others suggest that the figures revealed yesterday may not be fully indicative of what will emerge at the full year.

BP's final year figures will also be affected by the success of its disposal programme, which appears to be already well on course.

It has sold more than $1 billion (£623 million) of unwanted assets this year, and put its coal business on the block.

More than 50 companies have asked to take a peep at the data on coal reserves BP is making available before deciding if they will make an offer.

However, BP will not be selling its nutrition business.

Whether that is because it has a sentimental attachment to the business of making chicken-feed or whether it cannot conceive of a possible buyer remains to be seen, but it is also understood to be putting some of its highly-specialized chemicals businesses on the market.

The year could, therefore, end with a slimmer but more profitable BP. It will almost certainly end with a more profitable Shell.

Now, why on earth would anyone take 10% interest when Mrs T. gives up to 67%?

LET'S GET THINGS in perspective. Say you have £3,000. As you know, any bank will happily give you 10 or 11% a year to let them use your money. Then the bank will take the money and invest it at around 16%. So let's say they make £480 on your money – give you about £300 for your interest – and keep the rest. Then, before you can get your hands on it, the Taxman comes along and takes his cut – and you're left with maybe £230. Well ... not quite. There's still the little matter of inflation. You see, at the same time you're making £230, the cost of living is likely to fetch up at over 8% – so you'll probably *lose* £240 on the £3,000 you lent the bank in the first place in order to make £230 in interest.

OR LET'S SAY you put money in a building society for a number of years and you've managed to earn £5,000 in interest. Naturally, the Taxman will get his share again – as much as £2,000 – because when you earn INTEREST it's fully taxable. But don't despair – you see, the Government says that if you make the £5,000 in CAPITAL GAINS* rather than just interest – then *you can keep it all!*

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UK profit hopes plunge says business survey

By Colin Narborough, Economics Correspondent

Business expectations in Britain for *higher* sales and profits have plummeted this quarter, in contrast to most European countries, according to the latest international survey by *Dunn & Bradstreet*, the US business information group, today.

But the survey of ten countries shows that business managers worldwide are fundamentally optimistic about the prospects for growth *in the third quarter.*

Dr Joseph Duncan, corporate economist at Dunn & Bradstreet, sees the data lending support to the "soft landing" scenario for the world economy, including Britain and the United States.

While profit *expectations* have dropped markedly in Britain, overall European profit expectations have continued to improve, in line with sales optimism. West Germany is showing particularly strong hopes for higher profits.

British sales expectations fell from 70 to 51 index points on the Dunn & Bradstreet world survey over the past six quarters, while West German expectations rose over that period from 34 to 60 points.

Dr Duncan said that despite the weaker levels of expectations in Britain and North America, the overall indexes *remained stable.*

"This would indicate some signs of a shift in economic *emphasis* to the continent of Europe, which may be significant as we progress towards harmonization of the European Community scheduled for 1992," he said.

Overall sales expectations in Europe dropped four points to 57 in the present quarter after a 61-point high in the previous quarter. North American sales expectations fell to 63 from 68, while sales expectations *in Australia* continued downward to their lowest point since the survey began.

Overall expectations for price increases declined in Europe, suggesting that inflationary pressures in the region have ebbed. North American expectations also dropped.

While European expectations for increased stockbuilding showed a slight drop in the third quarter, Britain and the Netherlands expected increases.

The Dunn & Bradstreet survey, which originally covered only the US, was extended to 11 countries last year. The survey *is based on* interviews with 10,000 executives conducted in June using similar sampling procedures in all countries.

Profit at Frost leaps 44% to £2.07m

By Jeremy Andrews

Frost, the petrol retailer and trading stamp promoter, continues to grow rapidly, with a 44 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £2.07 million in the six months to June, on turnover up 30 per cent at £33.1 million.

A rising tax charge trimmed the increase in earnings to 31 per cent at 10.2p, and the interim dividend is raised by 1.25p *to* 5.25p. The shares edged up 2p to 310p yesterday.

The company, which derives 60 per cent of its profit from petrol retailing, continued to open outlets at the rate of one a month. Mr James Frost, chairman, said he was optimistic that the report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the industry would be good for the company when published in November. With only 70 out of the country's 18,000 petrol stations, Frost believes it would benefit from oil companies divesting sites and loosening their ties on rented outlets.

Frost's Blue Chip stamps, given away at selected Fina and Burmah filling stations as well as at Frost outlets, continued to contribute about 20 per cent to profits.

R Raphael, the clearing bank with three branches in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, will be sold unless Frost can find a buyer.

Borg office closes



Shutting down in Monte Carlo: Bjorn Borg

Stockholm (Reuter) — Mr Bjorn Borg, the former Swedish tennis star, will close the Monaco headquarters of his international business operation, the liquidator of his ailing fashion empire said yesterday.

Mr Peter Smedman, the liquidator called in to investigate the finances of Mr Borg's companies, said the Bjorn Borg Design Group in Monte Carlo would close within a few months and 10 employees would lose their jobs.

Mr Borg, aged 33, announced last month that he would close the Scandinavian division of the clothing empire he built from cash and fame in tennis.

He promised personally to meet the debts of the company, Bjorn Borg Invest.

The five-times Wimbledon winner earlier turned down a $4.6 million (£2.8 million) offer by a Swedish investment company to bail out his cash-*strapped group, which has* a share capital of $6.3 million, because he did not want to surrender financial control.

The future of his international holding company, Bjorn Borg Enterprises, in the Jersey tax haven, which also has interests in the United States and Asia, remained unclear.

Mr Borg, who retired from tennis six years ago, is estimated to have a personal fortune of $100 million.

STOCK MARKET

Bouncing shares may go into reverse soon, brokers claim

The recent advance in share prices, which has carried the equity market to within a close distance of its record, *looks as if it may be coming to* an end.

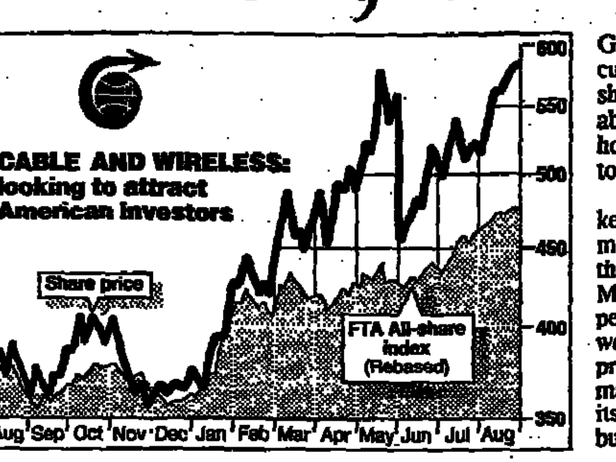
Several leading brokers claim that the market is now too high and due for a sharp correction soon. Nomura Securities, the Tokyo broker, says that the next movement in the FT-SE 100 index is likely to be down. This comes *only days after Mr Nicholas* Knight, a strategist at Nomura, forecast a rise to 2,500.00 in the index by the year-end.

Kleinwort Benson *is* also taking a bearish stance and believes that the market is looking overvalued. It says the market has been supported by persistent bid speculation and stock shortages which have *enabled it to climb by almost* 30 per cent so far this year.

Nomura expects bid activity to slow down and says there is bound to be increased uncertainty about the outlook for profits as the September reporting season approaches.

The first sign of a crack was seen yesterday as the *Footsie* fluctuated in thin conditions to finish *13.1* points lower at 2,347.3. The FT index of 30 shares also fell 10.6 to 1,961.4 with turnover at 557 million shares. Attempts at a rally around midday fizzled out with a dull start to trading on Wall Street.

Government securities sported gains of up to £½, helped by a stronger pound amid growing hopes of a further softening of US interest rates.



Scottish & Newcastle Breweries passed the 400p level with a rise of 9p to 404p. There is talk that Mr John Elliott, the Australian businessman, is close to selling his 22 per cent holding. He acquired the stake when Elders IXL, his company, made a bid for S&N last year. But the move was blocked by the Government and Mr Elliott was instructed to reduce his holding to below 10 per cent.

The S&N share price is now trading at about the level before the Government stepped in. The likely suitors mentioned yesterday included Löwenbräu, the West German brewing group which already has trading links with Elders in the Far East, and Labatt, the Canadian brewer.

Cable and Wireless continued to attract support, climbing 19p to 578p following the news that the group has applied for a listing for American Depository Receipts on Wall Street.

The listing is being handled by Goldman Sachs, the New York securities house, which also arranged the US end of *Racal Telecom's flotation.*

Goldman Sachs has been bullish about the sector for some time. Whispers in the market last night claimed that Goldman Sachs had calculated C&W's asset value a share at about 900p — far above its share price. It is now hoped *that American* investors will lead the buying.

Kleinwort Benson, the broker, issued a buy recommendation this week, saying that the potential for C&W's Mercury subsidiary and its personal communications network interests were likely to prevail over any fears the market had about the future of its Hong Kong Telecom business.

Traders in London are obviously hoping that Goldman *Sachs can achieve the same* sort of results for C&W which it did for **Racal Telecom**, 3p dearer at 375p.

Asda, the supermarket *chain, remained* the subject of intense bid speculation with the price gaining *1p to 208½p* as a further 11 million shares changed hands. The market has been talking about the possibility of another big bid for some time and it now seems to think that Asda is the most likely target. Dealers reported intense activity on *the Traded Options market* where investors have been giving for the call in the hope that the share price will rise.

Asda has come up from about 180p recently and is now believed to be trading close to its real asset value. It has agreed to buy a number of Gateway *superstores from the* Isosceles consortium; but there are fears that Isosceles may now sell them to the A&P-led Newgateway consortium in return for Newgateway relinquishing its 40 per cent holding in Gateway.

Two investment trusts made their début in a falling market. **North American Gas Investment Trust** was offered by Warburg Securities at 100p. The shares opened at 104p before ending at 102p — a premium of 2p.

Leverage Opportunity Investment Trust started life at 112p following a placing by Warburg *at 100p. The price* eventually finished at 114p.

Eglinton Exploration, the *Third Market resources group* based in Dublin, is believed to have completed its first "step-out" well since taking a controlling interest in its Ector *County oil project* in Texas. Eglinton has 6.8 million shares *outstanding* at one barrel of oil per share at a discounted value of $5 a barrel. Brokers are talking of asset values of more than 300p a share. The price eased 1p to 90p.

Ladbroke, *Mr Cyril Stein's* racing, hotel, property and leisure company, remained a nervous market, losing a further 5p to 321p. The group has been the target of a number of bearish stories this week, *ranging from the acquisition of* Thistle Hotels from Scottish & *Newcastle to a rights issue* — all of which the group has repeatedly denied.

The group reports figures soon and these should make *impressive reading.*

Michael Clark

Kingfisher, down 9p at 453p, has been a strong share, outperforming the market by 10 per cent. But Hoare Govett, the broker, is urging its clients to take profits. It says that the company has made no secret of its caution about its first-half profits and that it is now taking a similar view of the second half. Hoare still expects pre-tax profits to grow from £182.8 million to £197.5 million this year but it says we have seen the best from the shares for now.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,166	Cookson	452	Lloyds	1,886	Scot & N	4,100
Alld-Lyons	2,830	Courtaulds	551	Lloyds Abb	1,077	Sears	2,942
Amstrad	5,106	Dalgety	446	Lonrho	1,268	Sedgwick	435
ASDA	11,420	Dixons	4,476	Lucas	935	Shell	2,360
AB Foods	332	ECC	920	Magnet	n/a	Slebe	1,558
Argyll	2,867	Enterprise	174	M&S	4,500	Slough	640
BAA	457	Ferranti	5,416	Maxwell Cm	768	Smith & N	4,394
BET	1,021	Fisons	2,672	MB Group	1,000	SK Beechm	5,500
BTR	2,509	FKI Babck	5,242	MEPC	15	Smith WH	322
BAT	2,366	Gateway Cp	404	Midland	2,100	Smiths Ind	713
Barclays	1,963	Gen Acc	592	Nat West	1,769	STC	868
Bass	308	GEC	6,912	Next	2,376	Stan Chart	649
Beazer	415	Glaxo	1,440	Nth Food	32	Storehse	2,971
Berisfd Intl	151	Globe Inv	190	P&O	3,846	Sun Allnce	893
BICC	589	Glynwed	943	Pearl	286	T&N	898
Blue Arrow	3,097	Granada	714	Pearson	613	Tarmac	957
Blue Circle	1,337	Grand Met	1,670	Pilkington	3,295	Tate & Lyle	918
BOC	1,490	GUS 'A'	1,582	Plessey	3,516	Taylor Wood	754
Boots	1,869	GRE	1,684	Polly Peck	2,659	TSB	4,383
BPB	1,496	GKN	2,256	Prudential	6883	Tesco	2,497
Br Aero	1,763	Guinness	1,075	Racal	831	Thorn EMI	905
Br Airways	4,523	Hamm 'A'	59	Racal Tele	1,041	Trafalgar	4,570
Br Comm	3,777	Hanson	4,895	Rk Hovis	2,128	THF	3,257
Br Gas	5,953	H & C	505	Rank	241	Ultramar	1,808
Br Land	578	Hawker	332	R&C	137	Unigate	1,540
Br Petrol	6,238	Hillsdown	2,565	Redland	597	Unilever	625
Br Steel p/p	1,441	IMI	687	Reed	1,564	United Bis	2,101
Br Telecm	7,089	ICI	1,523	Reuters	556	Utd News	853
Bunzl	1,557	Inchcape	1,100	RMC Gp	1,099	Wellcome	2,397
Burmah	668	Jaguar	507	RTZ	1,319	Whitbrd	1,043
Burton	1,771	Kingfisher	3,297	R-Royce	2,782	Williams	1,461
C&W	8,480	Lasmo	1,393	Rothmn 'B'	700	Wills Fab	112
Cadbury	4,737	Ladbroke	4,903	Royal Bank	1,396	Wimpey G	248
Coats	2,482	Land Sec	484	Royal Ins	2,350		
CU	4,322	Laporte	455	Saatchi	294		
Cons Gold	172	L&G	314	Sainsbury	2,800		

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RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Abbey National (130p)	145	+½
Allen	104	
Alpha Estates (75p)	91	−1
Ambassador	39	
Danbury Gp	154	−1
Ensor	105	
Forwell Group (62p)	68	
Genesis Emerg	700	
Gowrings (160p)	188	+2
Invicta Sound	220	
Lecreuset (135p)	181	−2
Leveraged Opp (100p)	114	
Molyneux Estates	57	
Pacific Property (50p)	47	
Plaxton Group	233	
Polar Electronics	110	
Presidio Oil	365	
Radiotrust	73	−2
Richmond Oil&Gas(105p)	68	+1
Sleepy Kids (20p)	34	+2
Sumitomo Tst&Bk	174	
Tavern Leisure (30p)	43	
Thorton Asian	107	
Treatt	121	
Trace Computers (125p)	130	−1
Umeco (95p)	108	+2
Unidare	455	
Video Magic Leis (56p)	85	+2
Wensum (70p)	85	
West Scaffolding (109p)	116	

RIGHTS ISSUES

Aim N/P	70	−9
Egerton N/P	7	−2
Glamar N/P	4	−1
Sutherland N/P	9	−1

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 7	August 18	November 9	November 20

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Speculation of bidding war boosts shares 48% in three days

United Airlines may be put up for sale

Analysts said United Airlines may be up for sale after directors of UAL, the parent company, *announced it would* "explore all possible financial and strategic alternatives".

The directors were responding to the $5.4 billion (£3.3 billion) takeover bid by *Mr Marvin Davis, the Californian* investor. The UAL announcement came after a board meeting to discuss the bid, and appeared to indicate that America's second largest airline could be for sale.

Mr Raymond Neidl, an analyst at Dillon, Read & Co. said: "This seems to put them *in* play. There *will* be other bidders coming forward."

The board, in discussing Mr Davis' bid, said *one alternative it would study* was remaining "an independent, publicly-owned company."

A spokesman for Mr Davis said: "We are encouraged by the board's response and look forward to meeting the company as soon as possible."

Pan Am Corporation, which owns Pan American World Airways, has said it would be interested in bidding if UAL came up for sale, adding that it wants a partner with a strong domestic route *system. Speculation on Wall Street* suggested that Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co, the big buyout firm, may also make an offer soon.

The prospect of a bidding war helped sustain a large *rise in UAL's share price* in New York. On Wednesday, it rose $24.625, or *11.2* per cent, to $243.875, after a $46.25 leap on Monday, and a $8.50 rise on Tuesday.

The *price* has climbed 48 per cent in three days and has more than doubled *since June.*

Some Wall Street analysts believe KKR has retained a large investment bank to help it make an offer for UAL.

Before the UAL meeting, air industry analysts and people involved in the talks said they expected the board to reject Mr Davis' offer, said to be worth $240 a share in cash and equity.

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Chapter 11 filing by Hooker arm

New York (AP) — Bonwit Teller and B Altman stores, and the American arm of Hooker Corp, the Australian *developer*, have filed *for* Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection to secure deliveries of merchandise and obtain relief from debts.

The filing on Wednesday at a US bankruptcy court in New York resulted from what Hooker called "a rapidly *deteriorating situation.*"

After buying six American retail companies and opening three regional shopping centres in the past two years Hooker has run into financial difficulties, which it attributes to *sluggish sales* and high Australian interest rates.

As a result, its American *retail stores* found their merchandise deliveries halted as suppliers *refused* to extend credit. Bankers for the shopping centres managed by L J Hooker, the US subsidiary, pressed for payment and *threatened closure.*

Under the Hooker filing, the 17 Bonwit Teller high-fashion *stores and the seven* B Altman department stores will draw up a repayment schedule so merchandise deliveries can be resumed. The stores and L J Hooker will also be protected from creditor suits and will *remain open.*

Mr Sanford C Sigoloff, former chairman of Wickes, the retailing conglomerate he turned round from near bankruptcy, is to manage all L J Hooker properties.

WALL STREET

Dow in retreat as selling continues

New York (Reuter) — The Dow Jones industrial average slipped by 3 points to 2,683.08 in early trading while falling shares outnumbered risers by seven to four in the broader market. Mr Tom Gallagher, the head of block trading at Oppenheimer and Co, said *profit-taking* had continued from Wednesday.

● Tokyo — The Nikkei index eased 139.47 to 34,719.80.

● Hong Kong — The Hang Seng Index fell 18.63 to 2,608.68 and the broader-based Hong Kong index 11.70 to 1,721.78.

● Sydney — The All-Ordinaries Index eased 13.3 to 1,681.9.

● Frankfurt — The DAX index closed at 1,609.93, up 1.22 points.

● Singapore — The *Straits Times* industrial index climbed 18.10 to a post-crash high of 1,379.86.

	Aug 9	Aug 8		Aug 9	Aug 8		Aug 9	Aug 8
AMR Cp	76¾	73¾	Fedders	15	15¾	Pennzoil	80⅜	80⅜
ASA	43	43¾	Fst Chicago	46⅞	46⅞	Pepsico	59	59⅞
Aetna Life	59⅝	59⅝	Fst Int Bncp	64⅞	63⅞	Pfizer	64⅞	64⅞
Allied Signal	38¼	38⅜	Fst Penn C	13⅞	13⅞	Phelps Dod	68⅞	68⅞
Alcoa	73¾	74	FT Wachva	49⅞	50	Philip Mor	160⅞	159⅞
Amax Inc	28⅛	27⅝	Ford Motor	49⅞	50⅞	Philip Ptl	23⅜	23⅜
AMR Hess	39⅞	39⅞	GAF Cp	n.a	n.a	Polaroid	47⅜	47⅜
Am Brands	79⅜	79⅛	GTE Cp	59⅜	59⅞	Primerica	27⅜	28
Am Cyanid	58⅞	59⅜	Gen Cp	18⅜	18⅜	Proct Gble	118⅞	117⅞
Am Ele Pwr	30⅜	30⅞	Gn Dynam	57⅞	58⅞	Pub SE Gr	27⅜	28⅜
Amexs	37	37⅜	Gen Electric	58⅞	58⅞	Raytheon	78⅞	79⅞
Am Family	15⅜	15⅞	Gen Inst	33⅜	34⅞	Rynlds Metl	58⅞	57⅞
Am Home	98⅝	99⅜	Gen Mills	67⅜	68⅞	Rockwell Int	22⅞	23⅜
Am Int Grp	94⅝	95⅛	Gen Motors	45⅜	44⅞	Royal Dutch	88	89⅞
Am Teleph	40⅞	40⅞	Gen Pub Ut	40⅜	41⅜	Scecorp	37	37⅜
Amoco	46⅝	47⅜	Genesco	7	7⅜	S Fe Pac Cp	23⅜	23⅜
Anheuser B	42⅞	43⅜	Georgia Pac	58⅞	57⅞	Sara Lee	58⅞	59⅞
Arch Dan	32⅛	32⅜	Gillette	44⅞	44⅞	Schlumb	42⅜	43⅞
Armco Steel	12⅜	12⅞	Goodrich	65⅜	66⅞	Scott Paper	50⅜	50⅜
Asarco Inc	32⅜	32⅝	Goodyear	54⅜	55⅜	Seagram	80⅜	81
Ashland Oil	38⅝	39	Grace Co	34⅝	34⅝	Sears Roeb	46⅞	46⅞
Atl Richfld	103	103⅜	Grt Atl Pac	65	64⅞	Sec Pac	51⅞	51⅞
Avon Prod	38⅜	37⅞	Greyhnd	35⅞	35⅞	Shell Trans	42⅜	43
Bk Boston	28⅞	28⅞	Grumann	20	20⅜	Sony Cp	59⅞	60⅞
Bank NY	53⅝	54	Gulf Westn	n.a	n.a	SW Bell	56⅜	57⅜
Bankamer	31	31⅜	Heinz	60⅞	60⅞	Squibb	108⅞	108⅞
Bkrs Tst NY	53⅝	53⅝	Hercules	48⅞	48⅞	Sun Comp	37⅞	38⅜
Baxter	23⅝	24	Hewlett Pk	56⅞	57	TDK	43	44
Beth Steel	23	23⅜	Hilton	112	108	TRW Inc	48⅞	49⅞
Boeing	53⅝	53⅝	Honda	28⅜	28⅜	Teledyne	374⅞	377⅞
Boise Casc	47⅝	47⅜	Honeywell	90⅞	89⅞	Tenneco	61⅞	61⅞
Borden	72⅝	72⅝	Houshld Int	n.a	n.a	Texaco	52⅜	53⅜
Bristl Meyr	47⅝	47⅞	ITT Cp	61⅜	62	Texas Inst	40⅞	41⅞
BP	58⅞	59⅜	INCO	34⅞	34⅞	Tex Util	37	39⅜
Broad Inc	12⅜	11⅜	Ing Rand Wl	47⅜	47⅞	Textron	28⅜	28⅜
Brunswick	16⅜	16⅞	Inland Steel	46⅞	46	Timken	38⅜	38⅜
Burl Nth	27⅜	27	IBM	117⅞	118⅞	Travelers	44	44⅜
CBS	215⅜	219	Int Paper	55⅞	55⅞	UAL Cp	243⅞	218⅞
CMS Engy	34⅝	34⅞	Jhns & Jhns	51⅞	52	USG Cp	4⅜	4⅜
CPC Int	65⅞	66	K Mart	40	41	USX Cp	35⅞	35
CSX Cp	35⅞	35⅞	Kerr McGee	48	48⅜	Unilever Plc	41⅜	42⅜
Camp Soup	59⅞	58⅞	Kmbrly Clrk	68	68⅜	Un Carbide	28⅜	29⅜
Can Pacific	22⅜	22⅜	Knght Rdr	55⅜	56⅞	Un Pac Co	78⅞	78⅞
Caterpillar	63⅞	63⅞	Kroger	17⅜	18	Unisys Cp	21⅞	21⅞
Centrl SW	38⅜	35⅞	LTV Cp	2	2	Unit Brand	17⅞	17
Champion	36⅜	36⅜	Litton	87⅞	88⅞	Us West	72	72⅜
Chase Man	38⅜	38⅞	Lockheed	50	49⅜	Utd Tech	54⅜	54⅜
Chem Bank	38⅞	38⅞	Lone Star	34⅞	35	Unocal	47⅜	47⅜
Chevron	54⅞	55⅜	Man H'over	40⅞	41⅞	Warn Lamb	112	110⅜
Chrysler	24⅜	24⅜	Manville	8⅜	8⅞	Wells Far	79⅜	80⅜
Citicorp	32⅜	31⅞	Mapco	38⅞	38⅞	Westg El	68⅞	70
Clark Eq	42⅜	43⅜	Marriott	40⅞	39⅞	Weyershr	31⅞	32⅜
Coca Cola	66⅞	67⅜	Mt Marrieta	46⅜	46⅜	Whirlpool	31⅞	32⅜
Colgate	58⅝	57⅝	Masco Cp	28⅜	28⅜	Whitman Cp	35⅞	34⅞
Columb Gas	47⅝	46⅜	Mcdonalds	28⅞	28⅞	Whitaker	12	12
Cmb'tn Eng	32⅝	33⅜	McDonnell	73⅞	73⅞	Woolworth	60⅜	60⅜
Cmwth Ed	37⅝	38⅜	Mead Cp	48⅜	44⅜	Xerox Cp	67⅞	67⅞
Cons Edis	27⅜	27⅝	Merck	73⅞	74⅞	Zenith	17	17
Consol Ng	47	47⅜	Mnsta Mng	78⅞	78⅞			
Cont Data	19⅜	20⅜	Mobil	51⅞	52⅜	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corng Inc	42	43	Monsanto	117⅞	118⅞	Agnco Eag	9⅜	9⅜
Crane	30⅞	30⅞	Montedison	18	18	Alcan Alum	27⅜	28⅜
Curtiss W	58⅞	59	Morgan Jp	41⅞	41⅞	Can Pacific	26	26
Data Genl	16⅞	17	Motorola	59⅜	59⅜	Cominco	30⅜	30
Deere Co	60⅞	62⅜	NCR	63⅜	63⅞	Con Bathrst	n.a	n.a
Delta Airl	79⅜	78⅞	NL Indstrs	24⅜	25⅜	Hawk S Can	27	27
Detroit Ed	21⅜	21⅜	Nat Med Ent	35⅞	35⅞	Hud Bay M	32⅜	32⅜
Digital Eq	102	101⅞	Nat Semi	8⅜	8⅞	Imasco	38⅜	37⅜
Disney	118⅞	119⅞	Norfolk Sth	37⅜	37⅜	Imperial Oil	56⅜	56⅜
Dow Chem	96⅞	97⅜	NW Bancrp	n.a	n.a	Inco	40	40⅜
Dresser Ind	44⅜	45⅜	Occid Petl	28⅜	27⅞	Royl Trstco	18⅜	18⅜
Dupont	118	119⅝	Ogden Cp	32⅜	32⅜	Seagram	94⅜	94⅜
Duke Pwr	52⅝	53	Olin Cp	66	65⅜	Shell Can	44	44
East Kodak	50⅜	49	PPG Ind	44⅞	44⅞	Steleo	20⅜	20⅜
Eaton Cp	65⅞	64⅜	Pac Enterp	45⅜	45⅜	Thmsn N 'A'	19⅜	19⅜
Emerson El	37⅞	37⅜	Pac Gas El	21⅜	21⅜	Varity Cp	3.45	3.60
Ensergy	21⅜	21⅜	Pan Am	4⅜	4⅜	WCE	19⅜	19⅜
Exxon	44⅝	44⅞	Paramt Cm	62	59⅜	Weston	49⅜	45⅜
Farah Inc	7⅝	7⅜	Penney JC	63	62⅜			

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyons (*526)	500	53	67	88	12	22	23
	550	24	40	55	37	42	45
	600	10	22	35	82	82	82
Bass (*1061)	1000	115	135	–	10	22	–
	1050	78	100	–	22	37	–
	1100	50	70	–	45	63	–
Beecham (*580)	427	165	175	–	2	1	–
	484	110	128	–	2	5	–
	541	57	75	–	8	16	–
	600	22	40	57	33	35	40
Boots (*294)	260	47	53	62	1½	4	6
	280	28	37	47	5	8	11
	300	14	25	35	11	16	19
	330	4½	11	18	35	36	37
Brit Air (*198)	180	27	33	40	1½	4	5
	200	13	19	26	6½	11	14
	220	5	10½	17	22	23	24
Brit Com (*193)	180	44	45	52	2	7	10
	180	30	34	39	8	15	19
	200	18	24	28	17	22	24
BP (*298)	260	40	46	–	1½	3	–
	280	22	30	35	4	7½	10½
	300	10½	18	24	11	17	19
	330	2½	7	11½	37	37	38
Brit Steel (*75)	70	10	14	16½	1½	3½	4½
	80	4½	8½	11	7	8½	9
	90	1½	4	7	15	15½	16
C & W (*578)	460	183	160	–	2	6½	–
	500	98	118	138	6	14	29
	550	61	85	108	20	29	39
Cons Gold (*1476)	1400	95	100	–	2	3	–
	1450	45	50	–	6	13	–
	1500	5	10	–	35	37	–
Cons Union (*408)	360	52	65	–	3	5	–
	390	28	43	49	8	13	19
	420	12	27	31	25	27	35
Courtauld (*367)	330	50	60	70	3	6	8
	360	29	38	49	9	13	18
	390	11	22	33	25	28	30
GKN (*460)	390	75	92	100	1	3	8
	420	50	67	77	5	8	13
	460	25	42	52	19	23	29
Grand Met (*651)	550	92	115	125	6	12	16
	600	53	80	92	17	22	30
	650	26	50	65	40	45	48
ICI (*1308)	1200	130	177	197	12	18	27
	1250	85	142	169	22	33	40
	1300	53	107	122	40	52	62
	1350	30	77	–	75	75	–
Jaguar (*391)	360	50	65	73	9	16	20
	390	32	46	59	20	28	35
	420	18	33	45	38	49	50
Kingfisher (*353)	330	36	50	62	7	11	15
	360	16	31	43	19	24	28
	390	7	16	28	40	42	46
Ladbroke (*318)	300	34	40	50	6½	9½	12
	325	16	25	–	17	20	–
	360	6	12	20	45	45	47
Land Sec (*594)	550	67	80	98	6	10	14
	600	30	48	67	22	28	33
	650	11	25	–	57	60	–
M & S (*214)	180	41	48	57	1	2½	4
	200	21	30	39	4	7	8
	220	10	16	26	11	14	15
STC (*357)	330	52	65	–	5	9	–
	360	31	46	52	15	19	22
	390	15	30	36	33	33	37
Sainsbury (*276)	240	49	55	64	1	3	3
	260	31	38	48	3	5	7
	280	17	25	33	8	12	14
Shell (*434)	390	50	65	73	5	7	10
	420	26	40	51	9	13	16
	460	9	20	27	29	32	35
Storehse (*140)	140	11	17	21	7	9	11
	160	4	8	11	21	23	23
	180	1½	3½	7	40	41	41
Trafalgar (*402)	317	94	100	–	1	2	–
	347	66	72	–	1½	5	–
	377	40	48	–	6	12	–
Ultramar (*328)	300	42	51	56	5	8	13
	330	19	32	40	15	20	24
	360	8	19	24	35	38	40
Unilever (*633)	550	100	117	–	1½	4½	–
	600	57	77	92	8	13	18
	650	25	45	62	29	33	36
Utd Bisc (*393)	360	52	64	76	6	10	12
	390	33	45	58	16	20	25
	420	18	32	42	34	39	45

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAA (*366)	330	55	69	–	3	7	–
	360	32	41	52	11	16	17
	390	17	27	38	25	31	32
BAT Ind (*855)	850	77	105	120	50	60	65
	900	62	80	94½	77	90	93
	950	33	58	–	110	120	–
BTR (*419)	360	71	84	–	2	4	–
	390	45	60	67	7	10	15
	420	25	41	48	16	22	27
Brit Aero (*702)	650	85	111	–	16	25	–
	700	52	81	90	36	42	50
	750	30	57	66	64	72	77
Brit Tele (*265)	240	29	34	42	3	3½	6½
	260	15	29	30	9½	12½	13½
	280	6	10½	18	26	28	28
Cadbury (*428)	420	45	62	70	19	28	32
	460	25	42	50	42	49	53
	500	15	27	–	72	75	–
Guinness (*584)	460	135	182	–	1	3	–
	500	102	118	–	3	6	–
	550	60	76	93	13	14	17
GEC (*276)	240	47	55	–	2	4	–
	260	30	36	44	5	7½	8
	280	37	25	31	12	14	17
Hanson (*236)	180	57	87½	–	1	1	–
	200	47	47½	–	1	2	–
	220	28	30	38	2½	5½	6
	240	14	17½	26	8	11½	13
LASMO (*509)	479	59	–	–	12	–	–
	500	43	62	75	20	23	28
	550	22	39	50	48	48	53
P & O (*680)	650	60	85	100	23	30	35
	700	35	57	72	47	52	57
	750	17	37	52	85	87	90
Pilkington (*254)	220	45	50	–	2	4	–
	240	29	35	43	6	10	11
	260	15	24	32	15	18	20
Plessey (*257)	240	23	35	–	1½	3	–
	260	15	16	17	8½	8	8
	280	4	5	6	15	15	16
Prudential (*204)	160	50	53	–	1½	2	–
	180	31	37	39	3	4	5
	200	16	22	25	9	10	12
Racal (*494)	420	48	65	80	20	25	29
	460	27	44	59	40	44	48
	500	15	28	–	69	72	–
	550	6	15	–	118	118	–
RTZ (*582)	453	128	138	–	2	3	–
	488	88	103	–	5	9	–
	542	45	67	–	14	20	–
Scot & New (*402)	330	85	98	–	6	9	–
	360	67	77	88	10	15	20
	390	43	57	72	20	26	30
Tesco (*208)	160	57	63	–	1½	2	–
	180	38	44	–	3	5	–
	200	20	31	39	7	9	8

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Sep	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
ASDA (*206)	169	50	53	–	1	2½	–
	180	31	37	43	3½	6	7
	200	16	24	30	9	13	15
Gateway (*235)	200	–	35	–	1	1	–
	220	15	15	–	1	1	–
	240	1	1	–	–	11	–

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Nov	Calls Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Nov	Puts Jun
Abbey Nat (*145)	140	11	14	18	3	4	5
	160	2	6	5	17	17	16
	180	1	3	4	37	37	37

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Amstrad (*73)	60	15	17	20	2	4	6
	70	7	11	14	6½	8	10½
	80	3	6½	11	12	14	16
	90	1	4½	8	21	22	23
Barclays (*523)	460	65	74	90	2½	6	9
	500	25	44	60½	9	17	23
	550	7	21	34	42	44	52
Blue Circ (*271)	230	46	–	–	1½	–	–
	250	26	38	44	4	7	9
	275	13	20	30	14	17	19
	300	4½	11	19	34	34	36
Brit Gas (*207)	180	30½	37½	40	1	2	3
	200	11½	19½	24	2½	4½	8
	220	3½	9	13	15	16	16
Dixons (*166)	140	25	34	25	2½	4½	5
	160	12	22	25	9	13	16
	180	6	12	19	23	26	27
Glaxo (*1529)	1400	162	189	234	4	16	25
	1450	117	149	157	12	25	39
	1500	89	114	157	22	45	55
	1550	50	87	132	45	65	75
Hawker (*750)	700	70	87	110	8	16	25
	750	35	55	80	25	33	45
	800	14	35	55	57	60	62
Hillsdown (*304)	260	50	59	69	1	3	5
	280	32	43	63	3	7	9
	300	17	32	38	10	15	17
Lonrho (*266)	257	37	48	–	3	6	–
	283	17	29	–	9	12	–
	309	7	16	–	25	29	–
Midland (*339)	300	42	49	–	1½	3	–
	329	17	30	–	9	12	–
	357	4	–	–	28	–	–
	390	1	8	–	60	60	–
R-Royce (*190)	180	18½	23	29	3½	7	8½
	200	5	11½	18	14½	17	19
	220	1½	5½	11	31½	33	34
Sears (*129)	110	22	28	31	1	1	3
	120	13	17½	22	2	3	6
	130	6½	11	15½	6	7½	10
THF (*342)	330	24	35	46	9	15	18
	360	10	20	28	24	29	33
	390	3½	10	16	50	53	55
Thorn EMI (*830)	750	99	122	142	3	10	14
	800	55	82	104	12	23	27
	850	24	50	70	32	43	49
TSB (*110)	100	12	15	17	1	2½	4
	110	4	9	10	4½	6½	8
	120	1½	4	6	14	13	16
Vaal Reefs (*$81)	70	17	19	20	1½	2½	5½
	80	7	8	12	4	5½	7½
	90	2½	4½	8	10	11	12
Wellcome (*510)	420	102	117	132	1½	4	7
	460	65	89	102	4	11	15
	500	33	53	72	14	25	28

FT-SE INDEX (*2347)

Series	Calls Aug	Calls Sep	Calls Oct	Calls Nov	Puts Aug	Puts Sep	Puts Oct	Puts Nov
2100	258	272	290	305	2	5	8	13
2150	208	223	243	260	2½	9	15	19
2200	154	178	199	217	4	12	21	25
2250	107	132	152	175	8½	21	32	38
2300	65	90	129	137	20	35	45	50
2350	32	61	77	103	39	53	62	72
2400	14	36	57	77	72	87	95	102

August 10, 1989 Total: 38478 Calls 28700 Puts 9778 FT-SE: Calls 1887 Puts 4629
*Underlying security price.

Shorts told of aircraft work split

By Robert Rodwell

Agreement has been reached on the work to be allocated to Short Brothers of Belfast on the development and production of the Canadair RJ 48-seat regional twin-jet airliner, 116 of which have been sold two years before its maiden flight.

Bombardier, the Montrealengineering group, offered Shorts a role in the project when it made its successful bid for the state-owned aircraft and missile maker this year.

In advance of the takeover being finalized, an agreement has been signed on the RJ work split between Canadair, also owned by Bombadier, and Shorts, which is the larger of the two companies.

Shorts will design, build the tooling for, and manufacture major airframe components for the airliner which is being developed by "stretching" Canadair's Challenger 601 business jet.

An order has also been placed with Shorts for 50 aircraft sets of the components. The first set, for the prototype, is due to be delivered to Canadair's Montreal plant next July.

Shorts will design and produce the centre section of the fuselage, the fore and aft extension "plugs" which lengthen the Challenge fuselage to RJ size and all of the control surfaces on the wings

STC consortium ready to apply for mobile phone permit

Thorn on line for a licence

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Thorn EMI of Britain has joined the first international consortium set up to apply for licences to supply a new generation of mobile telephones.

Italy's STET telecommunications company, part of IRI, will also join STC of Britain, the consortium's founder, and US West, of the United States, in the venture.

Though the pecking order in the consortium is unknown, STC and Thorn, where Mr Colin Southgate is managing director, are thought to be the largest stake holders.

The move comes as two other international consortia are being formed to compete for the new licences, for which applications have to be received by the Department of Trade and Industry by September 14.

One of these involves Mercury Communications, of Britain, and America's Motorola. Mercury, part of Cable & Wireless, has been assured of one of the licences so that it can compete with British Telecom, which is a cellular mobile telephones operator though Cellnet. The other includes General Electric Company and Plessey, of Britain, and BellSouth, of the US, and there is a 20 per cent stake still to be allocated.



In the running: Colin Southgate of Thorn EMI, which is joining the STC consortium

The two operators of the present cellular mobile telephone system are free to compete under the terms of their current licences. However, they are precluded from bidding for the licences, which carry a guaranteed frequency availability, in September.

The cellular operator in addition to Cellnet, in which Securicor has a stake, is Racal's Vodafone.

Racal, which claims 60 per cent of the present cellular market, aims to be number one in mobile communications in Europe asthe industry anticipates large growth. This would initially be in the more highly developed British market, but would spill over into the other leading European nations.

Cellnet has not yet made clear any plans it has for entering the new Personal Communications Networks sector, but it would be surprising if it did not join Racal in trying to seize market share.

The Government has said that their possible needs for additional frequencies will be kept under review.

Expectations are that after the bids have been received this autumn, two to three operators will be licensed for the PCN system. Decisions on who gets what should be made by the year-end.

While the present cellular telephones system largely caters for professional users, mostly business people, with comparatively high costs for both equipment and airtime charges, reduced costs will help the PCNs target the mass market.

The STC consortium believes its final composition has added considerably to its prospects.

STC has special expertise in creating intelligent network systems that bring together telecommunications and computer database technology.

US West, a regional Bell operating company, is big in cellular communications, while its cable television interests include some in Britain.

Thorn EMI, whose subsidiaries include the Rumbelows electrical goods chain and the Radio Rentals rental network, brings to the consortium a ready-made high street presence, marketing expertise, and experience of installation and servicing work.

The involvement of STET is seen as helping pave the way for PCN networks to penetrate Europe.

STET, like STC, has been active in pressing for international standards. It could lead to inter-operation compatibility if several different systems are involved.

Britain 'to remain self-sufficient in oil for 10 years'

By Kerry Gill

Britain is expected to remain self-sufficient in oil until almost the end of the century, according to a review of North Sea oil and gas prospects by Grampian Regional Council.

The report, published yesterday by the council's department of physical planning, paints an optimistic picture and says there should be substantial production and activity for at least 25 years.

Five new oilfields have come on stream in the past year and oil-related employment in the region has risen by nearly 5,000 to 49,000 in the same period. The report anticipates continued growth in employment, reaching a peak of 53,000 jobs by 1996 and remaining over 50,000 at the turn of the century.

During the next 20 years, another 70 oilfields are expected to be developed. At present there are 44 oilfields in production with 10 more under development.

The buoyant future predicted by the review compares with the despondency of a few years ago, when oil prices fell below $10 a barrel. The recession caused widespread cutbacks and redundancies. A knock-on effect was the drop in Aberdeen house prices.

Oil prices are expected to hold at $18 a barrel for the next year or more, rising to slightly under $20 by 1991. Throughout the 1990s, prices are likely to increase by 1 to 2 per cent a year.

The review foresees more northern and central North Sea gas reserves being exploited in the next decade, with at least two new gas pipelines expected to be linked into the St Fergus terminal on the Grampian coast.

Although 182 wells – a record – were drilled in 1984, 177 exploration and appraisal wells were sunk last year and 12 significant discoveries announced. Drilling this year has maintained the pace of 1988.

Mr Nicol Stephen, chairman of the region's economic development and planning committee, said: "I must emphasize we are not predicting another boom time. This is not a boom or bust situation, it is a period of steady growth." He said local unemployment had been halved and Grampian was the leading growth area in Scotland.

Mr Stephen said the Government was being urged to move the Department of Energy's petrol division to Aberdeen. "The fact that the report predicts a strong oil industry well into the next century might help provide the confidence to trigger a decision."

Thrifts bailout may mean lower rates, says Brady

Washington (Reuter) – Mr Nicholas Brady, the US Treasury Secretary, said the savings and loan industry bailout legislation, signed by President Bush this week, could lead to lower interest rates.

Steps to tackle the important problems of insolvent thrifts and Third World debt "will lead people to be willing to take lower rates," he said.

"I don't see it really changing much, one way or the other, but if anything, down in interest rates."

President Bush signed into law a bill to reform the thrifts industry and raise funds to close failed institutions, some of which have been paying depositors high rates of interest to attract funds and keep operating.

Mr Brady said the thrift crisis and lesser developed country debt were "storms on the horizon" which worried investors.

Under the new law, hundreds of S&L associations will be closed or taken over in a process that some believe could effectively mean the end of the industry as it now exists.

The independent regulatory apparatus is being subsumed by a new Treasury Department entity, the Office of Thrift Supervision, with a promise of tighter control and stricter financial requirements for savings institutions.

In addition, responsibility for insuring the deposits of S&L associations moves to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. A new body, the Resolution Trust Corp, is to merge or liquidate all failed savings institutions plus any that fail during the next three years.



Brady: 'storms on horizon'

President Bush expressed pride in the bill, saying it will "put in place permanent reforms." The law calls for outlays of about $166 billion (£102 billion) over 10 years to close and merge insolvent institutions, and many more billions thereafter.

The government geared up immediately for the job of supplying the huge amounts of money needed to help stabilize the industry.

Officials said the Resolution Trust Corp would move immediately to liquidate three insolvent savings institutions. By next week, the government would begin to inject some of the $15 billion it plans to supply by the end of September to reduce borrowing costs.

Elliott calls MPs' inquiry a witch hunt

From David Tweed, Sydney

Mr John Elliott, the Australian businessman, clashed with the chairman of a federal parliamentary committee last night over a request that he give evidence on alleged market manipulation.

In a televised debate, Mr Alan Griffiths defended his invitation to Mr Elliott and other senior executives who control Harlin Holdings Pty, the biggest shareholder in Elders IXL, the Australian brewer, to answer criticisms over Harlin's bid to buy up 100 per cent of Elders.

He said: "In my view, Mr Elliott and his colleagues have engaged in perhaps the most audacious grab for a company in the history of the corporate world."

Mr Griffiths added that important issues were raised by Harlin's offer for Elders, including directors' duties to minority shareholders.

It was proper for the bid to come within the scope of the committee's inquiry into management buyouts, he said.

But Mr Elliott, who is chairman of Elders and president of Australia's opposition Liberal Party, denounced the move as a "political witch hunt."

He accused Mr Griffiths of trying to take the law into his own hands.

"Committees of Parliament are there to reform the law. The NCSC [National Companies and Securities Commission] is there to enact the law," he said.

Mr Elliott denied Harlin's offer was a management buyout.

He said Elders' shareholders had the right, under the company's reorganization, to buy more stock at the Aus$3 (£1.45p) a share Harlin had offered.

He claimed the committee, therefore, had no authority to investigate Harlin's offer for Elders.

Mr Elliott added: "The ignorance that I have heard so far about the issue is such that I do not know what I would even be asked."

He declined to say whether he would attend the committee hearing.

Jump in Independent Newspapers interims

By Melinda Wittstock

Independent Newspapers, the Irish Republic's biggest newspaper chain, yesterday reported a 19.8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to Ir£6.01 million (£5.2 million) for the six months to end-June. The increase was due to improved performances from all trading divisions, particularly the Irish national and provincial newspapers.

The group also reported an extraordinary credit of Ir£5.9 million, from a payment by the Press Association after its conversion of Reuters A shares into tradeable B shares. Earnings per share rose from Ir11.3p to Ir13p and the interim dividend is Ir4p (Ir3.3p).

TI GROUP

Half year to 30 June, 1989

Pre-tax Profit	£49.2M	UP 23%
Earnings Per Share	22.2p	UP 23%
Interim Dividend	5.75p	UP 21%

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THIRD MARKET

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
100	75	ASB Barrett	90	97	..	1.3	1.4	19.6
18	11	Amscan	11	14	..	..	..	..
94	65	Anderson Res	87	90	..	..	..	..
86	60	Ass Farmers	83	86	..	..	..	..
121	96	Beckenham	103	108	r +1½	4.0	3.8	13.7
275	176	Broadcast	265	275	..	..	..	29.1
135	61	Chelsea Art	106	118	..	1.3	1.2	..
48	30	Chesterr Intl	45	50	..	..	..	..
143	105	Crown Eye	100	110	..	..	..	20.2
113		Dynamics	87	92	-1	..	..	50.9
85	35	Far E Res	37	42	-1	..	..	..
108	78	Hilchoe	95	105	..	..	..	18.7
32	21	Hancock	25	27	-1	..	..	13.3
19	12	Intl Comms	17	20	..	..	..	..
53	31	Kenp (PE)	36	40	-3	2.0	4.9	15.6
105	93	LBW	97	102	..	2.7	2.7	18.3
96	78	Leading Lsr	82	85	..	3.3	3.9	14.1
23	13	Lynx Group	12	18	..	..	..	5.1
251	86	Madisca	180	185	-14	..	..	..
105	35	Peerless Optical	80	90	..	..	..	18.1
74	56	Restmaster	68	70	..	2.5	3.6	13.5
229	177	Royal Sovereign	200	230	..	7.3	3.8	12.1
180	95	Saxon	145	153	..	3.3	2.2	9.1
113	65	UPL	80	90	..	3.7	4.4	16.1
150	135	Unit Group	145	149	..	6.7	4.6	8.4

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 92.2 (day's range 92.2-92.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for August 10

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6230-1.6295	1.6260-1.6270	0.67-0.65pr	1.95-1.90pr
Montrl	1.9072-1.9180	1.9073-1.9109	0.24-0.20pr	0.50-0.43pr
Amstrdm	3.4626-3.4756	3.4626-3.4663	2-1¾pr	5¾-5⅝pr
Brussels	64.19-64.55	64.35-64.55	30-20pr	85-61pr
Copnhgn	11.9389-11.9837	11.9389-11.9544	4⅜-4⅛pr	13⅝-12⅝pr
Dublin	1.1521-1.1561	1.1534-1.1544	42-35pr	107-95pr
Frankft	3.0717-3.0830	3.0717-3.0752	1⅝-1⅜pr	5⅛-4⅞pr
Lisbon	256.14-258.42	256.14-257.71	7-20ds	65-134ds
Madrid	192.56-193.24	192.64-193.24	3-16ds	25-41ds
Milan	2213.13-2218.96	2213.13-2216.11	4-2pr	8-6pr
Oslo	11.2653-11.3077	11.2653-11.2804	3-2⅛pr	6⅞-6⅝pr
Paris	10.3960-10.4326	10.4064-10.4291	4½-4pr	11⅞-11⅛pr
Stckhlm	10.4828-10.5117	10.4828-10.4941	1⅝-1⅛pr	4⅞-4⅜pr
Tokyo	226.01-227.16	226.01-226.32	5⅝-5⅛pr	5⅞-4⅞pr
Vienna	21.5862-21.7146	21.5862-21.6158	13-11pr	35-31pr
Zurich	2.6471-2.6585	2.6471-2.6504	1⅝-1⅜pr	4⅝-4⅜pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1060.0-1068.0
Australia dollar	2.1319-2.1361
Bahrain dinar	0.6090-0.6170
Brazil cruzado*	3.706-3.728
Cyprus pound	0.796-0.806
Finland markka	6.9160-6.9660
Greece drachma	263.90-267.10
Hong Kong dollar	12.7205-12.7300
India rupee	26.83-27.13
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4790-0.4860
Malaysia ringgit	4.3489-4.3533
Mexico peso	4025-4125
New Zealand dollar	2.7268-2.7377
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.069-6.141
Singapore dollar	3.1610-3.1847
S Africa rand (fin)	6.6405-6.7634
S Africa rand (com)	4.3549-4.3626
U A E dirham	5.9825-6.0125

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4105-1.4120	Denmark	7.3350-7.3400	Italy	1358.5-1359.5
Singapore	1.9492-1.9502	W Germany	1.8878-1.8888	Belgium (Com)	39.50-39.53
Malaysia	2.6648-2.6658	Switzerland	1.6275-1.6285	Hong Kong	7.8040-7.8050
Australia	1.3063-1.3080	Netherlands	2.1290-2.1300	Portugal	158.20-158.40
Canada	1.1730-1.1740	France	6.3875-6.3925	Spain	118.45-118.55
Sweden	6.4350-6.4400	Japan	139.05-139.15	Austria	13.31-13.32
Norway	6.9200-6.9250				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 14 Finance Hse 14½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 14½ Low 13% Week fixed: 13%
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 13 15/32 3 mth – 13 5/16
Selling: 2 mth – 13 7/16 3 mth – 13⅜
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 13¾-13 9/16
2 mth: 13⅝-13 15/32 3 mth: 13 11/32-9/32 6 mth 12 23/32-12⅝
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14⅛
2 mth: 14⅛ 3 mth: 13 31/32 6 mth 13 11/32
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 13% close 13%
1 week: 13 13/16-¾ 1 mth: 13 13/16-13¾ 3 mth: 13 25/32-13⅝
6 mth: 13⅝-13 9/16 9 mth: 13½-13 7/16 12 mth: 13¼-13 3/16
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 13% 7 day: 13% 1 mth: 13 13/16
3 mth: 13¾ 6 mth: 13¾ 12 mth: 13½
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 13 13/16-13¾
3 mth: 13 13/16-¾ 6 mth: 13⅝-13 7/16 12 mth 13¼-13
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.87-8.82
3 mth: 8.70-8.65 6 mth: 8.55-8.50 12 mth 8.47-8.42
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 13 13/16-13¾ 2 mth: 13 13/16-13¾ 3 mth: 13 13/16-¾
6 mth: 13⅝-13½ 9 mth: 13 7/16-5/16 12 mth: 13 3/16-1/16

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1989. Agreed rates August 26, 1989 to Sept 25, 1989. Scheme I: 14.80 per cent. Schemes II & III: 15.28 per cent. Reference rate July 1, 1989 to July 31, 1989. Scheme IV & V: 13.984 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	9-8⅞	8⅞-8¾	8⅝-8½	8 9/16-8 7/16
Call: 9-8				
Deutschemark:	6 15/16-13/16	6 15/16-13/16	6 15/16-13/16	6⅞-6¾
Call: 6½-5½				
French Franc:	9¼-8⅞	9⅛-9	9⅛-9	9-8⅞
Call: 9 7/16-8 7/16				
Swiss Franc:	7⅛-7	7 3/16-7 1/16	7-6⅞	6 15/16-13/16
Call: 7½-6½				
Yen:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5 7/16-5 5/16	5 7/16-5 5/16
Call: 5½-4½				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $365.75-366.25 Close: $366.00-366.50
High: $366.50-367.00 Low: $365.75-366.25

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $377.00-382.00 (£232.00-235.00)
Krugerrand: $365.00-368.00 (£224.50-226.50)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $377.00-382.00 (£232.00-235.00)
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Platinum: $486.50 (£298.00)
Palladium: $136.35 (£83.50)
Silver: $5.15-5.17 (£3.170-3.185)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 19951		
Sep 89	2365.0	2374.0	2352.0	2353.0	2910
Dec 89	2400.0	2400.0	2400.0	2397.0	58
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 94463		
Sep 89	86.31	86.37	86.31	86.35	5131
Dec 89	87.11	87.18	87.10	87.12	10008
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 50661		
Sep 89	91.40	91.42	91.37	91.39	3332
Dec 89	91.74	91.76	91.70	91.72	2909
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 14019		
Sep 89	93.08	93.12	93.07	93.07	2264
Dec 89	93.24	93.26	93.21	93.21	835

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 7878		
Sep 89	97-12	97-12	97-03	97-08	5474
Dec 89	NT	—	—	97-04	0
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 30906		
Sep 89	97-08	97-18	97-03	97-03	20501
Dec 89	97-10	97-14	97-04	97-03	765
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 1232		
Sep 89	106.20	106.26	106.20	106.24	29
Dec 89	105.87	105.92	105.87	105.88	409
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 41649		
Sep 89	95.50	95.57	95.44	95.50	15947
Dec 89	95.51	95.58	95.51	95.52	280

COMMODITIES

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Crude prices strengthened yet again. Fairly active trade pushed Brent's inter-months spreads firmly into backwardation and the market focussed on fundamental concerns. Products were firm with prompt demand lending support to gasoil and fuel oil.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	16.95	+45
15 day Sep	17.05	+40
15 day Oct	16.90	+30
WTI Sep	18.60	+40
WTI Oct	18.30	+35

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	+2	192-194	+2
Gasoil EEC	+3	153-154	+3
Non 1H Sep	+1	151-152	
Non 1H Oct	+1	150-151	+1
3.5 Fuel Oil	+2	84-86	+3
Naphtha	+1	151-154	+2

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Aug 89 Hi 1445-1440 Low Close 1438
Sep 89 Hi 1515-1503 Low Close 1511
Oct 89 Hi 1585-1588 Low Close 1588
Jan 90 Hi 1610-1600 Low Close 1597
Vol 613 lots Open interest 3051
Dry cargo index 1394.0 +11.0 on 9/8/89

IPE FUTURES
GAS OIL G W Joynson
Sep 150.25-50.00
Oct 150.00-49.75
Nov 150.00-49.75
Dec 150.75-50.50
Jan 149.00-48.75
Feb 147.00-46.50
Mar 145.50-45.00
Vol 8533
BRENT G W Joynson
Sep 16.97-16.96
Oct 16.89-16.88
Vol 8802

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	138.1	138.5
Feb	155.0	152.0
Apr	204.0	204.1
May	226.5	225.3

Vol 451

LONDON FOX
COCOA G W Joynson
Sep 888-886 Jul 916-915
Dec 928-926 Sep 929-927
Mar 899-898 Dec 950-947
May 904-902 Vol 4789
COFFEE G W Joynson
Sep 753-751 May 822-820
Nov 762-761 Jul 846-843
Jan 780-779 Sep 863-850
Mar 797-796 Vol 3999
SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 2140
Oct 308.6-08.4 May 283.2-83.0
Dec 297.0-93.2 Aug 277.0-75.0
Mar 286.4-86.2 Oct 270.0-69.2

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 287
Sp 106.80 Nv 110.35 Ja 113.85
Mr 116.40 My 119.40 Jn 121.35
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 72
Sp 103.20 Nv 107.10 Ja 109.80
Mr 112.35 My 114.55
SOYABEAN
Oct 131.5-29.5 Apr 136.0-31.0
Dec 131.5-29.5 Jun 135.0-30.0
Feb 135.0-30.5 Aug 134.0-29.0
Vol 59

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1603.0-1604.0	1592.0-1593.0	344550	Quiet
Lead	428.00-429.00	422.00-423.00	94375	Easier
Zinc Hi Gde*	1682.0-1685.0	1575.0-1580.0	32075	Quiet
Silver Large†	Expired			
Tin*	8970-8980	9030-9040	3260	Easy
Aluminium HP*	1771.0-1772.0	1770.0-1771.0	201125	Vry Stdy
Nickel*	13250-13300	12150-12200	13164	Firm

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Aug	113.8	113.8
Oct	119.0	119.3
Nov	119.0	119.5
Feb	113.0	113.0

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Aug	116.0	116.0
Oct	119.0	119.0
Nov	120.0	120.0

Vol Pig-70 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on August 10

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	92.33	150.34	117.14
GB (+/–)	+5.86	-4.15	-0.65
Eng/Wal (%)	-29.3	-21.8	+3.5
Eng/Wal (p)	92.33	151.06	117.10
Eng/Wal (+/–)	+5.86	-3.62	-0.76
Scotland (%)	n/a	+85.9	+19.2
Scotland (p)	n/a	142.41	117.42
Scotland (+/–)	n/a	-7.66	+0.25

* Estimated dead carcase weight.

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Shares drift lower

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Class II (Div 1): C E Sunman
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Librarianship and American Studies
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Librarianship and Chemistry
Class II (Div 2): G A H Vidgen

Librarianship and Music
Class II (Div 2): F L Waters

Librarianship and Pure Mathematics
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Celtic Studies
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Classical Studies
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Class II (Div 2): I R Beavon: S M Brown: I V C Kennedy: L J Lown
Class III: J P Williams

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Class II (Div 1): K A Berry: V A Bowden: M J Bryon: W G Davies: I W Evans: S T Jobbins: E L Jones: O Llywelyn: J L Medhurst: M R Mohan: K Murphy: G Phillips: D R Pulham: P N Smyth: P R Thornton: E T Tyler: S F Wilkes
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Class II (Div 1): G M Bates: F A I Dance: C J Walker
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Romance Languages
Class I: M C Jones
Class II (Div 2): S Jones

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Class II (Div 1): D A Gallagher: R A James
Class II (Div 2): P S Davies

Visual Art
Class II (Div 1): J C Darnley: K M Hamer: J A Norris: M C North Jones
Class II (Div 2): K E Hyde: P S Turner
Class III: C A Moore

Welsh
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Welsh
Class II (Div 2): K Wood
Class III: H J Begley

Faculty of Music

B Mus
Class I: M Richards
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Class II (Div 2): J Hedge: R Keeley

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Economics
Class I: P D Mizen
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Politics
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Class III: M Nicolaides
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Comparative Economic & Social Systems
Class II (Div 1): T N Thompson
Pass: P Denman

Social Policy
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Economics and Accounting
Class II (Div 1): S A Bartlett: R Sobal
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Politics and International Politics
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Class II (Div 2): S A C Cuthill

Economics and Sociology
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Economics and Law
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Class III: M S-T Mak

Economics and Politics
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Economics and Economic & Social History
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Economics and Marketing
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Politics and Law
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Politics and Sociology
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Class II (Div 2): M R Crees

Economics and International Politics
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Economic & Social History and Sociology
Class III: A Giles

International Politics and Economic & Social History
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Class III: T J Cox: E D Low: C Petrick

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Physics
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Class II (Div 1): E-J Raeburn
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Pass: C J Benger

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Economics and French
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Economics and Mathematics
Class II (Div 2): H A Jones: L M Noden
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Pass: H A Liddle

Economics and Philosophy
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Economics and Social Policy
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Psychology and PE
Class I: D A Markland
Class II (Div 1): A M Jillings: S K Portsmouth: G M Strange

Psychology and Sociology
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Social Policy and Drama
Class II (Div 1): D L Jones

Social Policy and Educational Studies
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Class II (Div 2): S L Bonds

Sociology and Linguistics
Class II (Div 2): R Jones

Sociology and Welsh
Class II (Div 2): H Jones

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Accounting and Finance
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Class III: A P Beautyman

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Class I: A B Craigs: J E Webb
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Class III: J B Neill
Ordinary: G L Edwards

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Class II (Div 2): G D Gruffydd

Educational Studies and Welsh
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Class II (Div 2): H M M Bowden: E J Clayton: A-M Collins: J M Cornall: E Daws: T R Dyson: M A Essery: D L Fletcher: J M Handley: T J Hobson: J M Hughes: K E James: M F Lucas: E J Mather: S O McClenaghan: G A Neill: L A Perkins: G E Roebuck: J Sammons: J Shepherd: C Trumper: L Walkden: S J Watson: A J Williams

French
Class II (Div 1): L Bragg: T J Charnley: C M Chubb: S L Griffiths: I J Storer: S Thomas
Class II (Div 2): L M Paul: A M Rogers
Ordinary: M R Mercer

German
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Class II (Div 2): J Spokes

German Language and Modern German
Class I: C Clark
Class II (Div 1): T C Mitchell: P G Turner
Class II (Div 2): G Best: N S Granger: K G Patrick

History
Class I: G Poulter
Class II (Div 1): N M Atkinson: J P Benson: I M Brooks: L M Churchman: I J Gerrard: G M Harrison: C A Hildich: A L Martin: A J Morris: D J Puckey: D M Ross
Class II (Div 2): S Bayman: P M Deeney: J M Dickinson: M Evans: D J Fisher: M P Harrison: S Howard: C F Jones: W R Jones: A King: J M Lewis: E G Mannion: N P Molyneux: A R Pavitt: S J Perris: S-J Philpin: S C Pike: I J Price: D Race: C L Rafinson: S L Robson: R J Sweeney: C D Williams: S M Wills
Class III: D R F Cocker: G W Thomas
Pass: P C Morrison

Mathematics
Ordinary: G L Edwards

Music
Class II (Div 1): B B Evans: M W Thomas
Class II (Div 2): J P Jones: K J Poundford
Class III: S L Jones

Physical Education
Ordinary: M R Mercer

Philosophy
Class I: H L Gaylard
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Class II (Div 2): A J C Mattinson

Psychology
Class II (Div 1): V M Bergin: M E Edwards: M A Rawlinson: I C Rothera: S G Sinclair: A-M Sinden: K Taylor: S M Turner
Class II (Div 2): I Clark: M S Ede: R E Griffiths: M J Holroyd: A J M Kelly: S G Lewis: C A L Mandoi: H Sorrell: W J Twigg: J M Wilson
Class III: T A Westwood

Religious Studies
Class II (Div 1): C N Gunn: B J Lloyd
Class II (Div 2): A L Greedy: H T Williams
Class III: G V Hughes
Pass: C J Lynn

Russian
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Social Administration
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Sociology
Class II (Div 1): V Williams
Class II (Div 2): K Bullen: S M Comrie: S F Myers: D Roberts: V E Sherry: J Wright
Class III: A S Punter
Pass: E J Browne

Sociology with Social Policy
Class I: G M Hughes
Class II (Div 1): J Evans: C E Jones: M L Jones: I M Mayne: E A Mulholland
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Class III: M W Richards

Welsh
Class I: S M Parry: P F Quinn
Class II (Div 1): G M Davies: R W Griffiths: B M Hughes: G S L Jones: R Morris: H M Stephens: R Thomas: A Williams: N C Williams
Class II (Div 2): J G Jones: S W Jones: S E Parri: C W Prydderch

Faculty of Music

B Mus (Hons)
Class I: J C W Butcher
Class II (Div 1): P E Flinn: J Kane: C L Parkes: T D Wood
Class II (Div 2): J E Gill: D E V Lewis: M W Powell: R G Smith
Class III: S A Ashmore: S L J Powell

Faculty of Science

B Sc (Joint Hons)

Agriculture and Applied Zoology
Class II (Div 2): K L Harvey

Agriculture and Biochemistry
Class II (Div 1): A J Duckett
Class II (Div 2): J Wayman

Applied Zoology and Biochemistry
Class II (Div 1): S R Pearce
Class II (Div 2): A S Gray

Applied Zoology and Forestry
Class II (Div 1): N E Germany
Class III: A E Houghton

Applied Zoology and Marine Biology
Class II (Div 1): C-M James
Class II (Div 2): A L Disney
Class III: T D Woodhouse

Biochemistry and Chemistry
Class III: N T Mohammed

Biochemistry and Marine Biology
Class II (Div 1): R D Goodrick

Biochemistry and Soil Science
Class II (Div 1): D Steenson
Class II (Div 2): R J Clark

Botany and Marine Biology
Class II (Div 1): R A Bartlett: R C M Beaver
Class II (Div 2): T W Scott

Botany and Mathematics
Class III: U Thiyagalingam

Chemistry and Wood Science
Class II (Div 1): R M Ellis

Electronic Engineering and Physics
Class II (Div 1): L A J Davis

Forestry and Soil Science
Class II (Div 2): G A Charles: M J Rowe

Marine Biology and Oceanography
Class I: M S Finch: G P G Middleton: A C Miles: L E Smith: J T Walls
Class II (Div 1): D J Beare: P J Brennan: A R Brown: C C Davies: D Finch: C R George: T M Worsfold
Class II (Div 2): M J Hayes: T Kovarik: N F D Pearson: G S Wilson

Marine Biology and Zoology
Class I: T O Hill
Class II (Div 1): P J Brown: J E Fairbrother: D M N Marron: M C Rawling: J R Steiner
Class II (Div 2): M M Henderson: R A P Mascarenhas: G R Snedker: S C Watson
Class III: E J Bradbury: R F Platt

Mathematics and Physical Education
Class I: N G Best
Class II (Div 2): L J Birch

Mathematics and Physical Oceanography
Class III: D M Price

Mathematics and Psychology
Class II (Div 2): T Riley

Oceanography and Soil Science
Class II (Div 2): J Clack

B Sc (Honours)

Agricultural Botany
Class I: P B R Richardson
Class II (Div 1): O M R Barwani
Class II (Div 2): B W Thomas

Agriculture
Class II (Div 1): C M Bentley: G Brooks: J M Cheeseman: L J Heald: N J A Hird: J K Margerison: V M Swales: B M Walsh
Class II (Div 2): J M Baggaley: A W Bamber: C P Chu: A H Hegarty: M A Ivinson: D W Jones: P Mwanga: J R M Nelson: V-M Tamo: C B Walsh: R D Williams
Pass: C Temple
Ordinary: E Gibbon: S T Naltrass: G E Wilkes

Agriculture with Agricultural Economics
Class II (Div 1): P G Grindal: D J Meredith
Class II (Div 2): A M Edwards: G H Griffith: M N McIlroy: C H Parker: R Ross: A M Zaborec
Pass: J E Jones

Agroforestry
Class I: N F Burford
Class II (Div 1): C O Fehr: N M Pasieczrnik: E Wynne
Class II (Div 2): E N Chia: J H Samuel
Class III: J E Jackson
Pass: A W McMeekin

Applied Biology
Class I: M Bass
Class II (Div 1): D M King: P N Tomlinson
Class II (Div 2): R H Dale: D J Luffingham: A H Wilson
Class III: N C Hall: P H Wilson

Applied Mathematics and Computing
Class II (Div 2): C W Puncher

Applied Zoology
Class II (Div 1): C M Addis: A G Ball: G Chauhan: S P M Warburton: T L Wilkinson: R P van Es
Class II (Div 2): A M Colquhoun: L Gilmore: N B Goodlad: D J Lee
Ordinary: S R Smith

Biochemistry
Class II (Div 1): P N Arkley: N R Banarse: E J Bresser: A E Clark: P N Davies: P N Davies: I C Hurley: G A Simpson: G Spencer: M P Thomas: E P Williams: W R Williams
Class II (Div 2): S J Denney: J F Derry: I I Durk: A R Greenfield: I Heim: E S Leech: J-O Smith: A Thompson: P D Vincent
Class III: S M Cross: O Joscelyne
Ordinary: L Jones

Biology
Class II (Div 1): L M Eagle: J E Figures: T C Fisher: J Harrison: D G Jones: S A Longstone: E E Roberts: I S Thorpe: L A Watson
Class II (Div 2): M Beckley: D J Buck: P R Clark: K Lucas: C J Williams

Botany
Class II (Div 1): L P Evans: R J Pace: J M Saxelby
Class II (Div 2): C A Cashmore: C G Clement: T A Harvey: N S J Legg: J Locking: A S Newman

Botany with Marine Botany
Class I: J C Creed
Class II (Div 2): A J Ware
Pass: R J Owen: H J Snocken

Chemical Physics
Class II (Div 1): H D Williams

Chemistry
Class I: P A Lock: E H Smith: D C Waite
Class II (Div 1): P K Eyre: D J Pemberton
Class II (Div 2): T L Birkbeck: C J Buckingham: A Charlton: P D Delargy: L M Severs: J Singh: P Smith
Class III: A M Bird: A I Davies: K J Davies: D Griffiths: K H Lambert: D Williams
Pass: R-A Howdle

Computer Systems Engineering
Class I: S A Broad
Class II (Div 1): A J Chipperfield: N A Hall: J D Meredith: R J R B Ward
Class II (Div 2): A Abdul Manvia: K W Charles: Q W M Q Dawud: M J King: A H Tan: K Tsan
Class III: D W Spencer: Tan Kien Peng

Electronic Engineering
Class I: A Devant: R G Jones: P M Lane: J N Roberts: W Y Yik
Class II (Div 1): H D Bargroff: G F Brierley: M S Chaudhry: M C E Clayton: P T G Durrant: S R Edirisweera: J Hall: M M Jones: I N Oliver: C M Price: M R Smith: D E L Vaughan: T C Wakeham: S J Yates
Class II (Div 2): N J Barton: S F Bradshaw: G Chairman: H Christison: A Craggs: D Green: A M T Jones: M O Jones: R Jones: K J Phillips: C D Shepherd: G R Theobald: K G Wilkinson
Class III: D W Kershaw: G A Smith
Ordinary: N Beasley

B Eng
Class I: J Brownless: I A Fleming: J Gittins: K S Karavadra: J Stone
Class II (Div 1): M A Crosby: S F Hinde: D L Lewis: D S S Omar: G W Roberts: N J Sewell: M S Talary
Class III: J M Goodman

M Eng
D M Anthony: M Barnes: T P Crummey: A R Evans: K R Jarman: D C Jones: J P Kennard: J R Phillips: D C Steele: D I Stokes: N D Strugnell: A K Sylvester: J W Tunstall: G C Williams: M D Wills

B Sc (Honours)

Forestry
Class II (Div 1): G A J Nicol: A R Thomas: S R Wallis: S C Whatmore
Class II (Div 2): K Z S Chirambo: P M Dornig: B B Jaff: M J Mwanda: H K T Ofori: R Ramoeleihi: H D Raynolds: L J Standen: C F Takwe
Class III: O S Adouma: H R Hyde: G D J Jones
Pass: Y M A Sallah
Ordinary: H A Onya

Geological Oceanography
Class I: H Clegg
Class II (Div 1): D Barker: J Herring: R A Roberts: P M Wing
Class II (Div 2): C L Haddow: D M P Lloyd: D E Ring
Pass: R J Hill: A J Hind

Marine Biology
Ordinary: H I Copping: K A Jarrett: S R Smith

Marine Chemistry
Class II (Div 1): K Rookins
Class II (Div 2): R P Thomas
Class III: P D Evans: A J Iddles

Marine Physics
Class II (Div 2): R H Davies: A N Lambert
Class III: D L Hawkins: J H Waltham
Pass: C D Morrall
Ordinary: R Butterworth

Mathematics
Class II (Div 1): K A Carney: M W Jarvis: G O Jones
Class II (Div 2): D J Allen: M W Collier: J H N G Ezechie: P A Gowans: I Hughes: S W Knight: P W Roberts: A J Skillington
Class III: S L Baker: S D Fox: L M Fuller: R A Hall: D C Harrison: F Rees

Oceanography
Ordinary: N I Copping

Physics
Class III: A Dearden: D Faulkner: D A Jennings

Psychology
Class II (Div 1): C L Clapham: V Fanny: K M Giles: S M Hodgson: L D Megas: M-A L Pastor: E J Sawday

Pure Mathematics
Class III: J C Sherman
Pass: L J Sayers

Wood Science
Class I: N M Patridoe
Class II (Div 1): H-H Reschop
Class II (Div 2): M Atkinson: T Green: J L Ingrams: M J Poutiainen: N P Ryan
Class III: B W McCullagh
Pass: S P May

Zoology
Class II (Div 1): M G T Denyer: S J Gosden: T R Jones: H J D Taylor

Zoology (incl Applied Zoology)
Class II (Div 1): G V Jones

Zoology with Marine Zoology
Class II (Div 1): J A Battin: J A Bendelow: J F Denham: J G Elson: M J Hatherly: K E Murphy: S J O'Keefe: J D Pell: C R Scott
Class II (Div 2): S Cabinin: O Chope: J M Dewis: G H Does: H D Gummer: S I M Harding: G E Hudson: J S Kent: E A Macedo: S N Rutherford: J T Taylor: S Valentine: E A Whitehead
Class III: E A Sanderson

St David's UC, Lampeter

Faculty of Arts

BA (Joint Honours)

English and Victorian Studies
Class I: S E Adam
Class II (Div 1): R I Illsworth: C M Watters

Political and Economic Studies and Social Policy
Class II (Div 1): M J Barrett
Class II (Div 2): D S Pace

German and Social Policy
Class II (Div 1): I D Bloor

English and History
Class II (Div 1): M Bulman

Geography and German
Class II (Div 1): A J Cooper

Geography and Swedish
Class II (Div 1): E C Copeland

Geography and History
Class II (Div 1): D Craft: M-J Davis

English and Swedish
Class II (Div 1): C J Ebeling

Archaeology and Geography
Class II (Div 1): L L W Green

Archaeology and History
Class II (Div 1): A P Powell: J A Powell
Class II (Div 2): M Baker: J Holmen
Class III: N A Wells

Geography and Welsh
Class II (Div 1): E M Jones

Philosophy and Theology
Class II (Div 1): M R Jones

Archaeology and Church History
Class II (Div 1): P H Leivers

Classical Studies and Religious Studies
Class II (Div 1): A E Roberts

Church History and Theology
Class II (Div 1): R M Sharples

French and German Studies
Class II (Div 1): B R M Sheppy
Class II (Div 2): N D Taylor

Church History and History
Class II (Div 1): M J Southall

Classical Studies and History
Class II (Div 1): R P J Stilling

English and Religious Studies
Class II (Div 1): D M Thompson

Political and Economic Studies and History
Class II (Div 2): A G Adedeji: M J Bradbury

Archaeology and Religious Studies
Class II (Div 2): P M Adye

German Studies and Political & Economic Studies
Class II (Div 2): P E A Baptie

Religious Studies and Theology
Class II (Div 2): M W Fisher
Class III: R S Peters

English and Social Policy
Class II (Div 2): P B Hamill

French and Welsh Studies
Class II (Div 2): A E Jenkins

History and Social Policy
Class II (Div 2): D P Hicks

Geography and Political & Economic Studies
Class II (Div 2): T P Lambe

English and Theology
Class II (Div 2): K E Lewis

Religious Studies and Social Policy
Class II (Div 2): M S Lobo

Geography and Social Policy
Class II (Div 2): J L Mead

Classical Studies and Social Policy
Class II (Div 2): S A B Octave

Classical Studies and Philosophy
Class II (Div 2): S J Peck

History and Religious Studies
Class II (Div 2): J M Rawlinson

Archaeology and English
Class II (Div 2): S C M Sheerin

Theology and Welsh Studies
Class II (Div 2): C J Williams

French and Swedish
Class II (Div 2): S Wood

Church History and Classical Studies
Class III: C E Johnson

German and Swedish
Class III: M Tobutt

BA (Honours)

Ancient History and Archaeology
Class II (Div 1): J Hamilton: J Houghton: J W T Marsh: M C Pomeroy: M A Simmons: M M Skinner: D W Thomas
Class II (Div 2): S L Davies: W Davis: S M Fullwood: G R Griffiths: B J Holmes
Class III: D J Hurst: S G Robertson
Pass: G W Pepper

Archaeology and Environmental Studies
Class II (Div 1): L Gray: R Roseff
Class II (Div 2): L Graham: C J Hartford
Class III: P J Markham

Classical Studies
Class II (Div 2): Y Harrican
Class III: A M Vincent
Pass: S R Coleman-Smith

Classics
Class II (Div 2): R J Hughes

English
Class I: J L Davis: I M Scoones
Class II (Div 1): S A Attfield: R Barrowcliffe: M R Bellingham: J P Bullock: W A Franklin: J Howsam: C Jenkins: M Midgley: J E Moorhouse: H K Parmar: N V Roddy: V Stevens: L J Taylor: S E Vaughan: K E Watkins: L M Williams: N J Wood: G J Wooster
Class II (Div 2): C D J Baily: S M Bucknole: S D Cockle: E C M Farr: J A G Guariglia: C M Kelleher: V S Smith
Class III: C M Hiscock
Pass: D J A Baylis: A T Bourke

French
Class II (Div 1): B Lees
Class II (Div 2): M L Bibby: A C Draper: H Green: E M Olsen
Class III: K L Llewellyn: R Said

Geography
Class II (Div 1): E Burndred: S Davies: J J Evans: C P Holt: D E Jones: M J McCann: A J Nankivell: A J Ricks: H E Rodgers: S Roe: G N Smith: S J Wagstaff: G M Watts: A Woolley
Class II (Div 2): P M L Abbott: M L Boulton: D L Conway: H J Field: P J Hill: N A McBride: K C R Meyrick: P A Morris: D C Pope: J R Skinner: R J Smith: A Stojkovic

History
Class II (Div 1): C T Askins: L Condon: S A Glaister: S J Littler: D M Luna: T K Matthews: G M Rees: J L Roche: A J Saville: P H Skelton: C H Tuck
Class II (Div 2): A Bennett: L M Broadbent: S M Brooke: J E Brown: C R Ellis: L George: P D Gossage: D V Miles: S E Senior: D N Thompson: J L Treveal: J M White: J White: D L Wilkes: O Yassean
Class III: M W Osborne
Pass: O R Blake: J G Dunlop

Latin
Class II (Div 2): C W Dyer

Modern Languages
Class II (Div 1): H E Glen: K M Goode: S M I Pollard: A M Turner
Class II (Div 2): L J Buckroyd: A Challenger: I E Clegg: K L Downes: M B Haldane: M J Plimmer: D R H Sale: S E Shepherd: J G Wills

Philosophy
Class II (Div 1): J R Baylis: T W Hall: D J Warsop
Class II (Div 2): R Ford: C J Gregory: F C Hollow: S N Rabone
Pass: M G Coward

Religion and Ethics in Western Thought
Class II (Div 2): R L Robinson: D M Whitehouse

Religious Studies
Class II (Div 1): S Branagan
Class II (Div 2): M P Kemp

Theology
Class I: J A Harris
Class II (Div 1): K F Cosgrove: E M Crowe: J K French: V L Nicholson: A J Wallis
Class II (Div 2): G Burch: W G Hassard: A R Hayes: R A Heathcote: E G Kielty: H M Leroy

Welsh
Class II (Div 1): D M James: H Price: E Smith

Welsh Studies
Class I: W G Whitmore

College of Medicine

* distinction

MB B Ch
P L Achurs: S M Allen: S J Attwood: D J Bailey: C E Baker: J P Bell: P S Bhal: P R M Black: D A Booker: A C Bowen: L D A Brad: I Britton: A J Burton: C M Campbell: R A R Castelo: H J Caulton: M D Chapman: W N Chaudhry: M J Clemons: P F Coles: D A Cooke: D A Cowan: M T Cronin: * T L Crowshaw: E M J Davies: * J S Davies: N A Davies: S Ensall: J K Fay: N J Fern: J A C Franklin: M J Garry: R I George: A A Goel: * R M Goodfellow: S R Goronwy: J A Gravenor: A G R Griffiths: P H Greybowska: A L Hadden: M J Hallas: C M B Hare: D G Harper: A J Heath: N P Hinds: S Ho: T L Holmes: B E Hourahane: J C Hughes: R W Hunter: * N O Huws: P K Jakobs: D G Jayne: S A Jenkins: T E Jeremiah: A C Jones: C Jones: G Jones: L M Jones: M W Jones: M Josephson: J R Knight: A M Kotsarri: B J Lancashire: E S G Lee: B C M Leung: H Lewis: M A Lewis: W C W Li: A B Lobhink: K D L Lyttle: F M J McDaniel: S H M Mitchell: R Morgan: R L Morgan-Jones: H A Muhaddem: J H Nash: C S Nicholls: A A A Omari: M I Otter: J M Over: C D Owen: D M Parry: B Patel: N Patel: M F Phillips: S Phillips: H R Porter: D P Quarry: C E Reade: H J Rees: U J Rigo: C Roberts: D G Robins: D Russell: P Samarasekera: J S Sandhu: T J Scorrer: M N Shaikh: I C Shirali: S C Shortland-Webb: C A Sloan: G D Smith: G D Soor: N J Stafford: R J Stone: G Subramaniam: K M Tan: F J Thomas: G Thomas: S C Thomas: W M Thompson: M J A Trudgill: G R Tyler: R J Turner: J Vernon: C Walby: J T Warner: R A Weeks: K G Wijesekara: A R B Williams: * C H Williams: I C M Williams: S L Williams: D G Wilson: K Windsor: * A M H Yeung: A J Yule

BN (Honours)
(Part IIB, 4-yrs)
Class II (Div 1): C W David: M J Hinchcliffe: J Ireland: L A Miles: R J Somerfield
Class II (Div 2): S J Beeston: G Case: I M C Chapman: S Davies: C S Edwards: S A Giblin: R T Hart: A E Phillips: K S Thomas: B A Whitear
Class III: C F Bell: J F Evans: J Kilgour-Christie

BN (Honours)
(Part IIB, 3-yrs)
Class I: V J Cox
Class II (Div 2): C J Canter: A J Charnock: J E Hewitt: B P Purdy
Class III: P Carey: N S Edwards: S C Soden

South Glamorgan Institute of Higher Education

B Ed (Honours) (Unit-based)
Class I: J Canton: I C Drake
Class II (Div 1): S R Andrews: S L Baker: A J Booth: V M Bussell: Y Coombs: B Curtis: D M Davies: M Davies: C A Evans: A L Gardner: C Griffith: S O Jerman: S L John: W D John: R J Johnston: J A Jones: J M Jones: L Jones: A P Kenyon: K Morgan: W A O'Donnell: S M Rough: P M Sherwood
Class II (Div 2): P J Argyle: J E Beckett: H M Bennett: D A Carson: E A Coombes: H C Daniels: J R Davies: N A Davies: W E Dixon: C A Facey: L J Harris: N W Hill: J R Hughes: A J Hunter: J A Jones: K A Jones: R K Jones: D P MacKinnon: T Morris: S E Owen: J M Pawley: N S Perry: J M Perkins: T S Phillips: S Radcliffe: S E Rees: L C Samuel: J B Simmons: H A Snook: D A Stephens: A L Thomas: C P Thorne: A L Watkins: N A Watkins: K M Williams
Class III: S A Davies

BA (Honours)

Art Education Studies
Class I: D C Mackie: P J Mathlin: J L Penny
Class II (Div 1): M C Green: R J Holmes: C J Kaveri: G B Sumner
Class II (Div 2): L Barwood: J A Carter: T S Emery: N M Ferguson: K A Hayes: S C John: E Jones: N K Jones: P K Jones: C Lewis: S R Potter: E Rees: J L Thomas
Class III: S J Mortimore: J A Rogers: D R Thomas: C R Watts

Human Movement Studies
Class I: R E Lewis-Davies: S J Phillips
Class II (Div 1): P Bacon: S Corbett: A M Cox: R S Eyton-Jones: J Fisher: L A Harris: R A Herborn: M A Jeffreys: A P Jones: G H Jones: D J Keen: H S Kirby: W M Lloyd: M A McKinnell: M McNamara: K F Melin: L A Miles: C Owen: L G Phillips: R Phillips: A Roda: J A Tucker: M P Walker: N W Ward: J A Whitbread: D H P Williams: J S Wood
Class II (Div 2): P D Cook: K A Cotterill: D I Davies: S A Davies: S J Donagh: M J Gough: J P Green: S E Hampson: A R Havard: M R Hickman: G Hughes: G M Hunt: C E Jarrett: C E Kinsey: A S Loughlin: R J Mansell: A R McPherson: G T Morris: A J Phillips: A Richards: T P Saunders: M P Stannard: R A J Stubbs: D L Thomas: P S Townley: E A Williams: R O Williams: D J Winterton: M Woodward
Class III: I D Bennett: C D Jeremiah: S W Maddock: M J Price: J E Prismall
Pass: I T Whitby

B Sc (Honours)

Biomedical Sciences
Class I: M I Rees
Class II (Div 1): E W Campbell-Lendrum: K S Dhaliwal: A J Edwards: R I Johns: J Kelly: J R Lane: J M Myring: C J Pepper: A E Thomas
Class II (Div 2): H G Davies: T L Holloway: A L Jones: M D Wheeler
Pass: S Hughes

Environmental Health
Class I: A M Netherton: S J O'Callaghan: J P Osborne
Class II (Div 1): M R Frankcom: B W Jones: C Jones: G M Koeller: D Leadbetter: M Long: S Millward
Class II (Div 2): A Campiejohn: M L Gittins: J R Harris: A L Jagger: W Lane: E J Peatey: G M Roberts: K R Saunders: A M Scopes: S I Soderstrom: H R Swinnerton: J I Taylor: A B Thomas: K Trilloe: H M Whitney: A Williams: A Williams
Class III: S Sagoo
Pass: A J Avens

Nutrition and Dietetics
Class II (Div 1): K A Bryant: G E Dixon: G E Evans: B Lee: A J Owen: E J E Robshaw: S L Slawson: R M Underwood: R A White
Class II (Div 2): S J Grace: A C Harris: K A McCormick: K G Morris: M S Oborne: C Patel: J M Porter: C L Watson: P Williams: R H C L Wisham
Class III: B G Trivedi

Speech Therapy
Class II (Div 1): V Gregory: T M Gruber: C E Hatcher: L C Roberts: A E Skelton: C A Stayte: L M Stock: S J Thomas: A J Wilding
Class II (Div 2): M J Abrahams: H A Chesters: K L Crabtree: K S Eley: J V McHattie: R L Prideaux

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B Ed (Honours)

Pre-Service

Mathematics and Computer Sci
Class I: K Buckler
Class II (Div 1): H Williams
Class II (Div 2): S R Edwards: K Evans: P R Porter

Post-Dip HE
Class I: P M Osborne: E M Treen
Class II (Div 1): T Beane: A Bebb: H Bunkham: M R Davies: A M England: T E Evans: B M Glabus: V M R Harries: C C Howes: P M Jones: D Lewis: D A Long: J A Luporini: L A Mackenzie: C M McGrath: D C Perring: P M Phillips: M D Popham: J Ribton: R Rice: D M Roberts: C E Saunders: M Simmonds-Bell: S H Williams
Class II (Div 2): E W Borsden: B J Britton: L Brown: E T Careford: C A Davies: S E Davies: A J Edwards: G Firth: C A Freemantle: J E Griffiths: R J Hannen: S L Jones: W Latham: B K Lider: A Mills: H E O'Leary: S Owen: L Parkinson: S-J Peters: B Phillips: J Y Pugh: R Read-Jones: R A Rees: A P Reynard: C Taylor: J A Thomas: R Thomas: H Williams: T A Williams: M Windsor
Pass: B M Baker: E S Beynon: H M Davies: M D P Keen: K A Lang: C P Hitehouse

In-Service (General)
Class II: H A Hall Idris: H M T bin Hall Mohamed Salleh: S R Lagong: G C Pang: R Sulaiman
General: A S Ampuan Hj Yusof: M B Hj Mohamad

BA (Honours)

Combined Studies (General)
Class II: M A Amsbury: E Ames: J H Bretherton: J L Brooks: D T R Cadwalladr: R P Davies: R P Hudson: T R James: C B Jones: S Jones: T E Llewellyn: G E M Owen: A K N Pennington: L Peters: A Price
General: R E Astbury: J Baxter: B Blake: M A Brown: A T Chappell: A D Cook: J McG D Cozens: H-M Cushen: R L Edwards: R N M Iles: G W Jacks: S R Jeffreys: E J V Kwokori: G R May: C F Pike: A H Price: T E Reynolds: R J Rutter: A J L Smith: M B Smith: A Storer: C A Taplin: E H Tomos: N E Toner: D H Williams: I W Williams

NE Wales Institute of Higher Education

B Ed (Honours)

Post-Dip HE
Class I: G J Smith
Class II (Div 1): K R Allen: H Bircham: C A Bridgen: M W Ellis: C A Errington-Evans: Z G Fryer: E L Highton: B A Holland: D Houghton: D P Jones: P Lee: A Meyers: V M Penn: S E Pugh: M J Pye: C J Southwell: J Sparkes
Class II (Div 2): S L Craven: N M Cunliffe: S J Edgar: D P Edwards: S M Evans: M C Green: J B Harris: J C Haycocks: J R Hunt: M C Ingham: L A Lloyd: S L Matthews: H C Mitton: B A Monaghan: B E Parry: H M Patel: C J Pritchard: T J Rundle: L E Sigley: C L Slawson: M Swift: I C Tinley
Class III: G D Hannon: T Stevens

In-Service (General)
Class I: A E Dale: L R Dunn: E J Goar: E C Lovell: A B Taylor
Class II (Div 1): K S Appleby-Towers: Y M Banks: L M Blainey: I J Capper: A J Carnes: J M Catherall: B Cavanagh: J Cooke: C J Davies: L E Edwards: D Ellis: A M Evans: M H Evins: S R Geach: P M Greenwood: J V Hale: H Y Hand: A M Hawkins: W L Herbert: J E Holmes: N Hughes: E Jackson: H Jones: K M Jones: C E S Kelly: G A Morgan: D M Newell: L D Norman: B W Quinn: G Riley: J E Roberts
Class II (Div 2): E Rutty: N F Sakwa: A Smith: M Taylor: J J Varley: E M Veale: J A Williams: C J Wych: B Wynne
General: D M Allsup: S J Barnicott: M J Barton: M E Chester: P A Elliott: J L Farnell: A S Greenhalgh: G Hughes: J Rothwell: C P Wright

BA (Combined Studies)

English and History
Class II: J Blanchfield: E A Le Breca: A B Lyddon
General: W Davies: S Ellis: C J Ford: A G France: J Harris: R L Hoyle: L D Lawton: M B Owen: A Shone: V Steele: P W Sullivan: H J Tilston

Environmental Studies
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Young person's guide to making a million

By Derek Harris

David Peller, 16 years old last April, is still deep in his college studies, yet is making time to build a business career in computer-related goods and cellular telephones. He wants to be a millionaire by the time he is 21.

He showed his mettle early. At the age of eight he saw an opportunity providing the musical apparatus to put on discos in his home town of Sheffield. It meant finding £300 for equipment and his father, Mr Johnnie Peller who runs a theatrical agency, thought *he was too bad a risk to back.*

This did not deter young David. At his local branch of Barclays Bank he told of his need and produced a list of 30 dates he already had lined up at £5 a time. David said: "The manager was impressed. He handed over the money immediately."

For David the disco business was a hobby on which he was *content merely not to lose money.* It was the same when he started buying second-hand computer installations and selling them on. It gave him some business experience, he theorized.

But by May last year he became worried — after taking account of costs, particularly the expense of picking up and delivering goods around the country, he was losing *money.*

It was his first commercial crisis. The answer came in negotiating a number of dealerships for various manufacturers and trading accounts with computer wholesalers and distributors.



David Peller: Bond fan

Quickly his sales list had about a million products on it, from hardware to software. This has become a serious business named Peller Databases, and this week David launched into sales of cellular telephones with another operation he calls Peller Communications. He has switched a fax sales operation into this.

So far he has 27 people on his payroll, many as on-call freelances for technical work. He also has a personal assistant, Joanne McPherson, aged 19.

In term time, said David, "It's a case of 'get back from school and turn on the answerphone,' plus quite a few hours' work on the business." He is up before 7am and is not usually in bed until well after midnight. Success, he reckons, is all a matter of energy and dedication.

He added: "This year we should finish up with a profit. I want to be a millionaire by the time I'm 21." He expects to still be at university by that stage, and afterwards aims *to take a law degree.*

His business heroes include entrepreneurs like Sir James Goldsmith. He still likes the cut of Mr Alan Bond's jib but believes the Australian has tried to run too much himself without getting in a enough really good managers.

For Peller Databases David is forecasting a six-figure turnover in its first full trading year.

His latest venture in communications involves selling one-year contracts for cellular telephone airtime linked to the provision of the telephones themselves. He is projecting sales of about £250,000 and hopes that by the end of a full year his combined businesses might be seeing an annual turnover in the region of £500,000.

He has one other ambition. By the time, possibly in 15 years, when retirement comes round for his father — who is paying for David's education — David wants to be able to buy him his dream car, an Aston Martin Lagonda.

David himself has little thought for cars. "After all," he said, "I'm not yet old enough to drive."

Occupational health company takes off

Family doctors take a firm line

By Craig Lord

The Emslics of Eastbourne ensured a healthy family business by combining the medical and City skills of father and sons.

Dr Michael Emslie and his sons Alisdair, also a doctor, and Richard, a former insurance broker, formed Medical and Industrial Services with a £50,000 investment in computer software last autumn, since when they have built up a business with turnover of about £80,000 a year, and one which can save lives.

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Richard Emslie: Working towards a stock market flotation

Richard says the cost of the service is dwarfed by the savings companies can make. It helped a client with 1,200 staff save £250,000 through reducing absenteesim from 4 to 2.5 per cent. MIS says 2 per cent is satisfactory.

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■ Medium-sized as well as larger companies could be in the running for the 1989 business enterprise award, of which the main sponsor is the Confederation of British Industry. Entries for this year's competition, the tenth, close on August 31. It is open to any British company with a turnover of £5 million a year or more. One of the smaller enterprises to have secured an award in the past is Derwent Valley Foods, the maker of Phileas Fogg snacks.

Dynamism and innovation are looked for in the company of the year. Mr John Banham, the CBI director general, looking back over past winners, said: "Some are large and some are small. Size is no criterion for success. But enterprise is."

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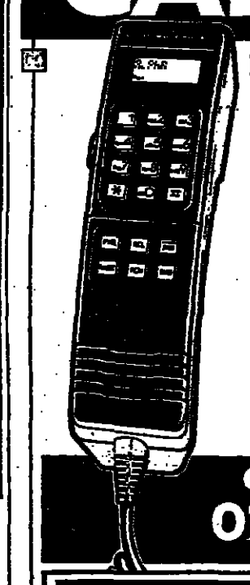
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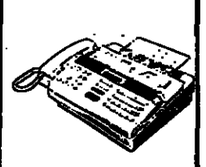
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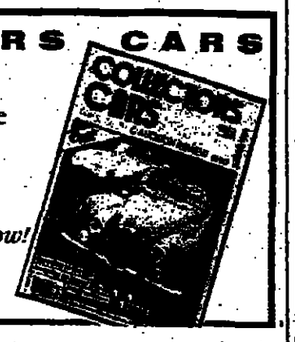
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Why the copycats are purring

The Japanese have done it again, doubly so this time: gutting successful European cars to find out what makes them tick, and then producing their own – better and cheaper – models

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

The sensational shapes of these two new models destined for Britain next year could be the latest smooth designs from Europe's top studios. They are not. They are both Japanese.

When the Japanese domination of mass production grew apace, the one solace for manufacturers in Britain and on the Continent was that no one could make luxury cars or sports models quite like we could. No amount of hi-tech wizardry from the Far East could beat the distinctive style of a *Lotus* or *Mercedes*.

But the Japanese are re-writing the rules of the motor industry faster than Europe can keep up by going "Back to the Future", drawing on the traditional qualities of European marques while adding their own technological innovations plus the value-for-money ethic.

Japan's formula for success is the same as it has always been: copy the Europeans but do it better and cheaper.

The copycat principle may be one which makes the purists wince, but it works, and remarkably well in the case of two stunning new cars which will have European manufacturers rocking on their heels over the next few months, wondering what they can do next to top the Japanese.

I have had a sneak preview of the two cars before their débuts here. There is no pretence in either case that these new cars are bringing us a shape which we have not already seen on our roads. They may be rounded off and more aerodynamic, but the influences clearly established in Britain and Germany are very definitely stamped on both cars.

Take a look at the profile of luxury Lexus from Toyota and you would be forgiven for thinking it was a Mercedes. The long nose, large front grill and solidity are all Teutonic virtues much admired by luxury car buyers. When the Japanese attack a market though, they go all out and in this case Toyota spent more than £360 million, using 1,400 designers and engineers plus 2,300 technical staff to produce the company's most ambitious and luxurious model.

Significantly, a lot of the planning involved pulling competitors' cars to bits to uncover their qualities and faults – mainly the Jaguar XJ6, the Mercedes 420 SE and BMW's 735i.

But Toyota has done more than copy the British and German masters of the executive class and created a model in its own right to be among the most highly specified in its class, packed with electronic goodies and styled deliberately for European appeal.

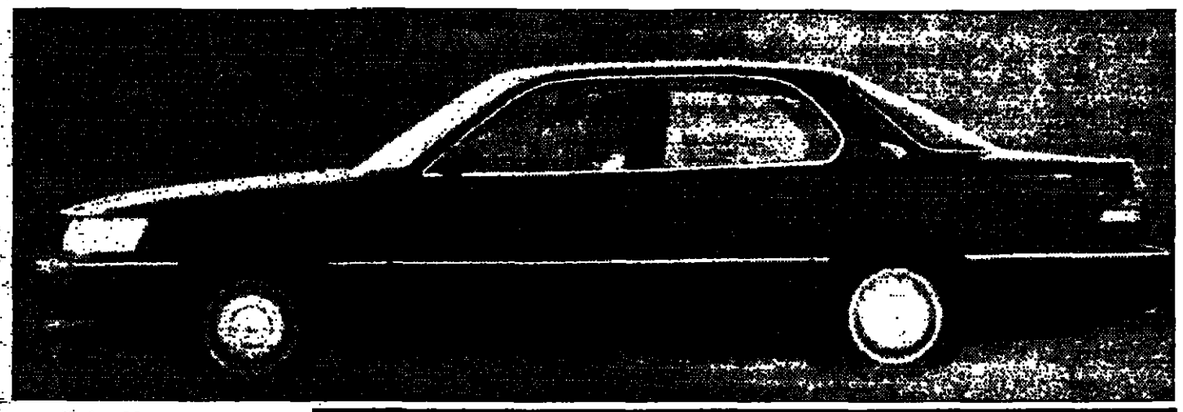
The bulk of European sales planned by Toyota will be aimed at Britain, with around 800 being imported in the first year. By contrast, Mercedes' home ground of Germany will get only 400. Toyota believes that Britain, with its market for 40,000 executive cars a year, is most ripe for picking.

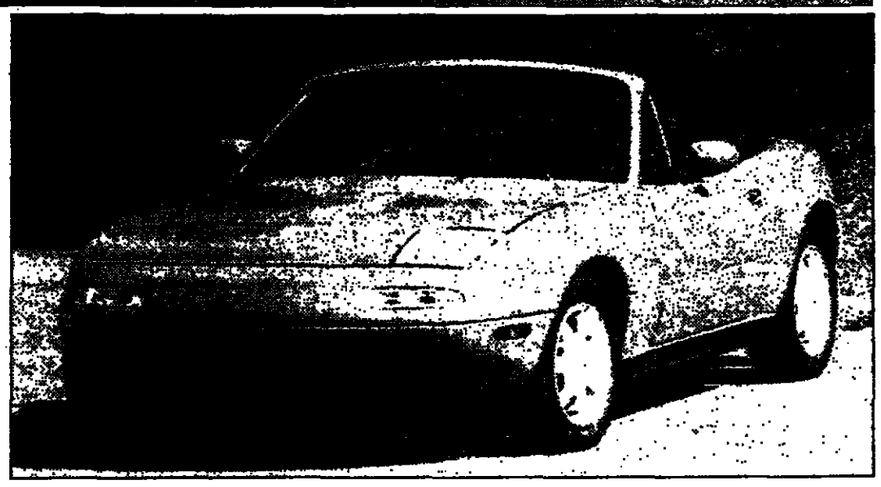
However, the car which really does demonstrate the Japanese ability to take a proven idea and then knock spots off the opposition is Mazda's little MX-5 sports car. Its profile revives memories of the famous Lotus Elan two-seater of the 1960s.

Toshihiko Hirai, the programme manager for the MX-5, admits that the MX-5 is modelled on the Elan, a special favourite of his own and a shape he believes will appeal to a new generation.

Again, Mazda's engineers have taken the whole concept of the Elan and pushed it one step further. The shape is smoother, the handling crisper and the price – probably about £13,000 in Britain – very competitive against Lotus's new Elan due out in the next few months.

Although the MX-5 is not due here until early next year, Mazda dealers have already taken orders for 200, and more are rolling in by the day as word spreads that here is a worthy successor to the Elan.





Seeing things: the luxurious, European-looking saloon *(above) is not a new model from* Mercedes of West Germany. It is a new rival from Toyota of Japan, the LS 400, which will sell under the Lexus badge. The sporty, British-looking coupé (right) is not the new Lotus Elan due out in a few months. It is the Japanese Mazda MX-5. Both cars are the result of a renewed Japanese attack on the European market. In each case, the makers closely studied leading British and Continental cars and then produced their own versions. Such is the attention to detail that the two-seater Mazda MX-5 soft-top even has the throaty exhaust roar of the old Lotus Elan. European reaction is likely to be twofold: concern from the manufacturers, and delight from the car buyers

LEXUS LS 400

The target fixed by the world's third largest car maker was to make a luxury car which could challenge the best in Europe. So much so that its new luxury car will be known as the Lexus – not by the name Toyota, which is associated with its smaller cars.

The badging underlines Toyota's striving for an up-market image reflecting smooth power, spaciousness, luxury and the absence of intrusive noise from engine, tyres and wind to spoil the compact disc stereo system, which has been built into the car as an integral part of the design.

Has Toyota succeeded? Yes . . . and no. The Lexus LS 400 is an attractive car with generous boot space and plenty of thrust from its 250 horse power V8, a combination which will undoubtedly attract many buyers. But rear seat room is restricted and roll from the air suspension is probably more than most European drivers will enjoy. Alternative coil suspension is likely to be available.

However, the Lexus is an intriguing competitor in the class and looks like it could draw Jaguar's claws and dampen German assumptions that they are the kings of luxury car production.

Details:
Likely price: £30,000
Engine: V8, 32-valve four-litre for 250 bhp transmitted through three-speed automatic gearbox with lock-up overdrive. Air or conventional steel coil suspensions available
Performance: 0 to 62 mph in 7.9 seconds. Top speed 150 mph
Fuel consumption: 23.5 mpg on town driving

MAZDA MX-5

The styling is unmistakeably British. But the MX-5 is a dream come true for Mazda's programme manager, Toshihiko Hirai, an admirer of the Lotus Elan who wanted to build a two-seater car which was fun and accessible to people who do not have Ferrari-size budgets.

Mazda's repeat is a triumph. I predict the MX-5 will be the most sought after two-seater of next year, even threatening to cloud the arrival of Britain's own Lotus Elan replacement, with which it will be in direct competition.

Hirai and his team have taken incredible trouble to get the car just right, even down to spending weeks on getting the correct throaty note from the exhaust, testing and throwing away one and then trying another.

The feel of the car is so right that it sticks like a limpet through corners. Performance is not staggering, but quite enough for a buzzy little two-seater designed for a spin through the countryside, top down and wind in the hair.

Only 2,000 are expected to be ear-marked for Britain, so if you are in the market for a nippy two-seater you will need to follow the example of a journalist friend of mine who has ordered his MX-5 – unseen and untested.

Details
Likely price: £13,000
Engine: 1.6 litre, 16-valve straight four-cylinder offering 110 bhp through a five-speed manual gearbox
Performance: (estimated) 0 to 60 mph in 9.5 seconds. Top speed 117 mph
Fuel consumption: 25 mpg town driving

Used car sales hit

The August registration boom may **be a blessing for new-car dealers, but it will only deepen the gloom in the second-hand trade, which is suffering hard times.**

Experts estimate that prices are down 5 per cent on last year as the manufacturers turn out more and more new cars, financed through easy credit and generous part-exchanges. Used cars are piling up in pounds around the country.

Generous discounts to rental companies, by which manufacturers get as many registrations on the road as possible, has also encouraged the huge surplus of cheap second-hand cars.

Selling a prestige marque, such as BMW or Saab, will not present problems as these models are always in demand. But cars in the 1.6 to 2-litre class are now hitting rock-bottom prices.

Panic selling has not set in, but another record August will only depress the trade even further, warns John Coates, senior editorial director for the *CAP Black Book*, the trade bible produced by Proctor Nolan & Partners.

"The volume manufacturers are pumping out so many cars in the 1.6 "rep-mobile" class, 1.3 family and 2-litre business ranges that there is massive discounting to the fleets," he says. "The price gap between new and residuals is being reduced to virtually nothing so that cars a few months old are coming on to the market, but there are no buyers for them."

Meanwhile, dealers are being forced to "move metal" not only during August, but throughout the year, to help manufacturers – particularly Ford, Vauxhall and Rover – keep production targets.

The result may be squeezed profit margins for the dealers but terrific deals for car buyers.

Zero per cent finance, widely available on most models, is not the only attractive feature the manufacturers are offering. Most are throwing in all kinds of extras.

It underlines the logic that there is no point in buying a car with miles on the clock for near to the same price as a model in pristine condition from the factory.

● More than half of Britain's motorists would never buy an Eastern European car, says a survey on prejudices by for Sewells *International, the automotive marketing group.* The survey shows, by contrast, that most still have faith in home makes, with only 13 per cent saying they would not buy Austin Rover and 6 per cent Ford.

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Transferring cargo without bills of lading

Enichem Anic SpA and Others v Ampelos Shipping Co Ltd

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Mustill and Lord *Justice Woolf*

[Judgment July 28]

In the absence of bills of lading the delivery of a consignment of cargo at the shipper's request against letters of indemnity in the shipowner's favour was effective to transfer the property in the cargo delivered to the receiver thereby discharging the shipowner's liability for the cargo.

Accordingly, *if there was a* shortfall in the cargo delivered, an endorsee of the bill of lading which was transferred after the *delivery of the cargo could not* rely on section 1 of the Bills of Lading Act 1855 to bring a claim against the shipowner since there was no contractual relationship between the endorsee and the shipowner.

The Court of Appeal stated dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Enichem Anic SpA, Enichemica SpA, Enichem SpA and Vanol International Ltd, from the decision of Mr Justice *Phillips dated March 24, 1988* whereby he set aside an order made by Mr Justice Staughton giving them leave to issue and serve, pursuant to Order 11, rule 1(1)(d)(iii) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, a concurrent writ in Liberia upon the defendant shipowners, Ampelos Shipping Co Ltd.

The first three plaintiffs were associated Italian companies and the fourth plaintiff was a company based in the United Kingdom. The defendants were an overseas company operating in Liberia and Greece.

The claim arose out of an alleged short delivery of a cargo of oil shipped in the vessel Delfini from Bejaia, Algeria to Gela, Italy. The consignment was made under a contract between Vanol and Enterprise Nationale Sonatrach Algeria (Sonatrach).

Vanol sold a quantity of the consignment to *Enichemica* who sold the same cargo to Enichem Anic. Vanol and the shipowners entered into a voyage charterparty and the cargo was loaded on to the Delfini. The bills of lading named the shipper as Sonatrach who endorsed the three bills of lading generally.

The ship arrived ready to discharged its cargo although none of the original bills of *lading had been transmitted* by Sonatrach to Vanol or anybody else. Vanol by Telex requested the shipowners to deliver the cargo to Enichem without production of the bills of lading. The Telex contained an indemnity.

On the same day Vanol issued an invoice to Enichemica for the price of the cargo and a letter of indemnity. The final document issued on that day was an *invoice* by Enichemica to Enichem Anic for the cargo. The Delfini commenced and completed discharge of the cargo at Enichem Anic's terminal and *sailed* away.

The original bills of lading were still in the hands of Sonatrach at the time when the *whole of the cargo had* been discharged and payments made in accordance with the contracts between the various parties. *They were eventually sent to* Vanol's bank who paid Sonatrach for the full amount shipped. The plaintiffs tried to sue the shipowners.

Section 1 of the 1855 Act provides: "Every consignee of goods named in a bill of lading, and every endorsee of a bill of lading to whom the property in the goods therein mentioned shall pass, upon or by reason of such consignment or endorsement, shall have transferred to and vested in him all rights of suit, and be subject to the same liabilities in respect of such goods as if the contract *had* been made with himself".

Mr Kenneth Rokison, QC and Mr Richard Wood for the *plaintiffs; Mr Stewart Boyd, QC* and Mr Bernard Eder for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS *said that in order to come within* Order 11, rule 1(1)(d)(iii) the plaintiffs sought to establish a contractual relationship as *endorsees of a bill of lading under* section 1 of the Bill of Lading Act 1855.

The critical words of that section were "to whom the property in the goods shall . . . pass, upon or by reason of such consignment or endorsement".

The starting point must be the *interpretation of the Act itself,* and if there was any ambiguity, it was open to the court to refer to the preamble.

The purpose disclosed in the preamble was clear, namely that by custom of merchants existing at that time a bill of lading being transferable by endorsement could pass the property in the goods without affording to the receiver the benefits under the contract contained in the bill of *lading as between the original* shipper and owner.

When coming to section 1, Parliament saw fit to transfer all rights of suit as well as the liabilities in respect of such goods as if the contract contained in the bill of lading had been made between the endorsee or consignee and the shipowner. To determine the sort of transaction Parliament had in mind to grant that *remedy it was necessary to refer* to the custom of merchants prevalent at that time.

There was no evidence then that the custom of merchants embraced a process of transfer which resembled the system which had sprung up since the passing of the Act – the granting of *letters of indemnity* in advance of the delivery of the bills of lading and other formal shipping documents.

Since 1952 there had been two rival approaches to the construction of the phrase "pass by reason of such consignment or endorsement" known respectively as the wide construction, as advocated in the ninth and subsequent editions of *Carver, Carriage of Goods by Sea* and *the narrow construction as advocated* in *Scrutton, Charterparties and Bills of Lading.*

Carver stated (9th edition (1952) p59): "How property must pass – Further, the property must pass 'upon or by *reason of the consignment,* or endorsement of the bill of lading, in order to transfer the rights of suit. But these words cannot be construed in their literal meaning.

"As Bramwell B said in *Sewell v Burdick* ([1884] 10 App Cas 74): 'The truth is that the property does not pass by the endorsement, but by the contract in pursuance of which the endorsement is made', and the words are therefore used in the statute inaccurately.

"It appears then that the property need only pass from *the shipper to the consignee* or endorsee under a contract in pursuance of which the goods are consigned to him under the bill of lading, or in pursuance of *which the bill of lading* was endorsed in his favour. But the *Act cannot apply where an agent* merely endorses a bill of lading *to his principal*".

The narrow construction, to be found in the earlier editions of *Carver* and all editions of *Scrutton*, stated (19th edition (1984) p27): "If the property in the goods passes otherwise than upon or by reason of the consignment or endorsement the rights of suit do not pass to the receiver".

As Mr Rokison submitted, a wide construction presented an attractive solution in the modern context of commercial conduct and, therefore, ought to be adopted as "the intention of the statute".

With some regret, his Lord*ship had come to the view that* adapting the plain words of section 1 in the context of the intention of Parliament to a *modern modus operandi would* do violence to the words of the Act. His Lordship agreed with the submission of Mr Boyd that the *narrower construction* was to be preferred.

Mr Rokison submitted that the application of section 1 depended on the consensual intention of the relevant parties as to the relationship between the passing of property in the goods and the endorsement (including delivery of the bills of lading) that the intention was that delivery of the cargo was to be made against the presentation of duly endorsed bills of lading to the owner.

If that were established he would succeed on either interpretation of the statute.

Mr Rokison's secondary submission was that the impact of the letters of indemnity was not effective to disturb the basis of *the first construction as they* were merely "stop gap" provisions agreed between the parties to cover the possibility of a delay in the transmission of the bills of lading and shipping documents.

His Lordship accepted Mr Boyd's submissions that the effective intention of the parties disclosed from the documents was that alternative methods of discharging liabilities under the contract were clearly envisaged, namely either by delivery *against bills of lading* under the normal CIF arrangements, or, in the absence of shipping documents, the delivery of the goods *at the shippers'* request against letters of indemnity in the owners' favour.

Whichever course was *adopted would be effective to* transfer the property in the cargo discharged to the person entitled to receive it.

His Lordship had no doubt that the consensual intention of the parties was that upon the delivery of the cargo in accordance with the shippers' request the property in the cargo passed to the receivers and the owners' liability in that regard ceased.

Whether or not the bill of lading remained valid for any other purpose or whether it became a mere record of the original shipment and exhausted as a document of title might be questionable, but its endorsement could not play any actual part in the transfer of property so as to satisfy the narrow construction of section of the 1855 Act.

That was sufficient to estab*lish that the plaintiffs could not* bring themselves within Order 11, rule 1(1)(d)(iii).

Lord Justice Mustill and Lord *Justice Woolf* delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Clyde & Co; Holman Fenwick & Willan.

Wide interpretation of arbitration clause

Ethiopean Oilseeds and Pulses Export Corporation v Rio Del Mar Foods Inc

Before Mr Justice Hirst

[Judgment July 31]

The meaning of the words "arising under or out of" in an arbitration agreement could be given a wide interpretation so as to cover all disputes other than one as to the very existence of the contract itself, so as to give effect to the parties' presumed intention not to have two sets of proceedings.

Mr Justice Hirst so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment given in open court after a hearing in chambers, in granting stays pursuant to section 1 of the Arbitration Act 1973 to the defendant buyers, *Rio Del Mar* Foods Inc, of two parallel proceedings brought by the plaintiff sellers, Ethiopean Oil Seeds and Pulses Export Corporation, in which the plaintiffs sought rectification of a confirmation note recording the terms of a commodity transaction.

Section 1 of the Arbitration Act 1975 provides: " (1) If any party to an arbitration agreement to which this section applies . . . commences any legal proceedings in any court against any other party to the agreement . . . any party to the proceedings may at any time after appearance . . . apply to the court to stay the proceedings."

Mr Anthony Hallgarten, QC and Mr Christopher C. Russell for the defendant buyers; Mr Timothy Young for the plaintiff sellers.

MR JUSTICE HIRST said the basis of the defendants' summons was *that the plaintiffs* and the defendants were contracting parties to a non-domestic arbitration agreement *and that the claim* for rectification was in respect of a matter agreed to be referred under that arbitration agreement, thus entitling the defendants to stays under section 1 of the 1975 Act.

The contract in question incorporated the terms of Gafta 30/86 and within which was contained the arbitration agreement, the terms of which were at the heart of the present dispute.

The contract related to a consignment of Ethiopean white haricot beans. The confirmation note dated November 6, 1986 and signed by both parties, contained, *inter alia*, express stipulations that the beans should be ". . . suitable for canning, not weevilled. . . ".

Those terms were not included in the preceding Telex exchange between the parties in October 1986, nor was there any reference to them in the terms of *the letter of credit* dated June 3, 1987.

When the goods arrived at their destination they were found to be contaminated by weevils, and therefore unsuitable for canning, and in consequence the buyers claimed arbitration under clause 31 of *Gafta 30/86 which provided:* "(a) any dispute arising out of or under this contract shall be settled by arbitration. . . "

The crux of the dispute in the arbitration centred on what were the terms of the contract.

The buyers' case was that they were all enshrined within the confirmation note. The sellers' case was that the true terms were to be *found in the amalgam* of the Telexes, the confirmation note and the letter of credit, and that on the proper interpretation of the *documentation as a whole* the critical terms were not part of the contract.

The first tier Gafta arbitrators upheld the sellers' case on the footing that the sellers had complied in all respects with the requirements of the letter of credit.

The Board of Appeal reversed the lower tier decision and ruled that the sellers were in breach of contract because the beans were not suitable for canning and were weevilled, in breach of the terms of the confirmation note which alone enshrined the contract between the parties.

The main point at issue was whether, as the defendants' contended, a dispute as to rectification arose "out of or under the contract" and so constituted a matter which the *parties agreed to be referred* and/or which had already been referred. That issue turned on the construction of the critical words "arising under or out of".

In his Lordship's judgment "arising out of" in the present context should be given a wide interpretation covering all disputes other than one as to the very existence of the contract itself, so as to give effect to the parties' presumed intention not *to have two sets of proceedings.* Thus rectification was within the scope of the arbitration clause.

Solicitors: Middleton Potts; Richards Butler.

Refurbishment of offices is not construction

Barth v Pritchard and Another

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Stocker and Sir Denys Buckley

[Judgment July 27]

Non-structural internal works to update an old building used as offices did not amount to "substantial works of construction on the holding" for the purposes of section 30(1)(f) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.

A *landlord was not entitled to* oppose the grant of a new business tenancy of the property on the ground that he required possession in order to carry out such work.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the landlords, Mr Brian J. Pritchard and Mr Peter T. Hamlyn, from the decision of Judge Oddie on February 7, 1989, in the Mayor's and City of London County Court that the tenant was entitled to a new tenancy of the first and fourth floors of 7 Bell Yard, London, WC2.

The landlords were refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

By section 30(1) the grounds on which a landlord may oppose a tenant's application for a new tenancy include "(f) that on the *termination of the current tenancy* the landlord intends to . . . carry out substantial work of construction on the holding or part thereof and that he could not reasonably do so without obtaining possession of the holding".

Mr David Neuberger, QC and Miss E. J. McNeill for the landlords; Mr Richard Fernyhough, QC and Mr Edwin Prince for the tenants.

LORD JUSTICE STOCKER said that No 7 Bell Yard was a narrow, six-floor building. The *tenant, a solicitor,* occupied the adjoining premises at No 8 and the accommodation he had at No 7 was used as part of his office.

His tenancy of the two floors was due to expire in 1989 and he had given notice in June 1988 requesting that he be granted a new tenancy.

Two questions arose for decision on the appeal, namely (1) whether the works which the landlords intended to carry out fell within the description of "work of construction" and (2) if they did were they "substantial"?

The landlords intended to carry out work to the entire building. The relevant works to *the two floors* that were the tenant's holding consisted mainly of electrical rewiring, provision and fixing of new lavatories in timber-framed cubicles and the provision of new central heating in a new boiler room.

The judge's conclusion was that the "works do not amount to substantial work of construction on the holding or part thereof".

Mr Neuberger criticized the reasoning by which the judge had reached that conclusion. He said that the judge had failed to look at the position as a whole but instead had considered each item of the work in isolation.

That submission was rejected. The question remained, however, as to whether or not the works on the tenant's holding regarded individually or in the light of other works associated *with them could* properly be classified as "construction" works.

No statutory definition of "construction" existed. Dictionary definitions of the word tended to beg rather than resolve the problem. Whether works qualified had to depend on the facts of each case.

Here the relevant works which might be regarded as *construction* (in conjunction with such other works as arose in connection with them) were not within the general purpose of section 30(1)(f).

It was implicit in the provision that works should involve directly the structure of the building in some way: it *required there to be some form* of building on the premises involving the structure.

The works here would more properly be classified as works of "refurbishment" or "improvement".

It was said on the landlords' part that in the social and economic conditions of today it was desirable in the public interest that buildings should be released from existing tenancies *to permit such improvements.* If that was so then it was a matter for those concerned with such policies.

If that conclusion was wrong and the works were to be considered works of construction, they were not "substantial". The judge's conclusion was correct and the appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice O'Connor and Sir Denys Buckly agreed.

Solicitors: Thomas M. Barth & Co; Rooks Rider.

Inferring the requisite intention to kill

Regina v Walker and Hayles

It was not only when death was a "virtual certainty" as a result *of the actions of a defendant* charged with attempted murder that a jury could infer the necessary intention to kill.

It did not amount to a misdirection for a judge to tell a jury that they could infer such an intention if they were sure that the defendant knew that there was a "very high degree of probability" that the victim would be killed, providing that the dividing line between intention and recklessness was not blurred and it was made clear that it was a question for the jury to infer from the degree of probability in the particular case whether the defendant intended to kill.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd, Mr Justice *Gatehouse and Mr Justice Pill)* so stated on July 28 when dismissing the appeals of John Charles Walker and William Hayles against their convictions on September 9, 1988 at the Central Criminal Court, before Sir James Miskin, Recorder of London, and a jury, of attempted murder, on which *Walker was sentenced to seven* years imprisonment and Hayles to five years imprisonment.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD *said that it was only in rare and* exceptional cases that a judge needed to elaborate the simple direction on intent.

Where an expanded direction was required it was better that judges should continue to use the term "virtual certainty": see *R v Nedrick* ([1986] 1 WLR 1025, 1028). But the difference of degree, if any, between "virtual certainty" and "very high degree of probability" was not *sufficient to render the use of* those words a misdirection.

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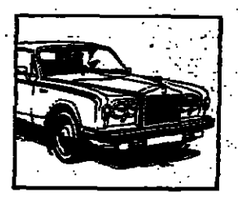
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Age cannot overtake Coe



David Miller

Should Sebastian Coe be selected for, and win, the World Cup 1,500 metres in Barcelona on September 10, it would be exceptional even by his own standards. He will then be two weeks off his 33rd birthday. Still to be racing beyond 30 in a middle-distance event dependent on a kick finish is rare. Kip Keino was 32 when he took the 1,500 silver medal behind Vasala, of Finland, in the Munich Olympic Games in 1972 and won the steeplechase ahead of Ben Jipcho. Miruts Yifter was 35 when he did the long-distance double for the second time in the World Cup in 1979 and repeated it in the Moscow Olympics a year later, while Sydney Wooderson was 32 when he won the European championship 5,000 in Oslo in 1946.

This weekend Coe competes in the 1,500 at the AAA championships, the meeting following which he was so shamefully treated by the British Board's council last year, when it rejected his right to defend his Olympic title. Here he is now, still running, potentially an automatic selection if he finishes first or second for the Commonwealth Games in January. On his own admission, he is using the event as a warm-up for next week's confrontation with Bile, the world champion, and Aouita in Zurich. What keeps him going?

The motive, he says, is what it always has been: A private quest for excellence in which the Olympic medals and world records were a passing confirmation that the training programme devised with Peter Coe, his father and coach, were correct.

"It's partly an intellectual game of putting a training programme together to produce a peak at the right time," he says. "Of doing things in January and February that will produce a particular result in July or August. It's that which still gives me a kick now. What hurt so much last year was less the fact of being snubbed by the selectors for Seoul, but not being able to carry through to a conclusion [because of altitude sickness in the trials] a training sequence which Peter and I had twice before proved in the Olympics to be correctly judged."

When eight years ago Coe won the World Cup 800 in Rome, toying with a field that included Joaquim Cruz to win in 1:46.18, he had just concluded an extraordinary three years: The three world records in 41 days of 1979, the Olympic victory (and 800 failure) in Moscow and two world records the next year, then five more world records in 1981. As we sat reflecting upon events after that World Cup victory, I warned him to be prepared psychologically for the possibility of misfortune following these golden years. It was no satisfaction to be proved correct.

Illness or injury jeopardized the European championship and Commonwealth Games of 1982, the World championships of 1983 and 1987, the Commonwealth Games of 1986 and, momentarily but critically, the Olympic Games of 1988. In seven years, success was limited to a belated 800 victory in Stuttgart and a repetition in Los Angeles of the Olympic gold and silver double. That is why, having said categorically when he was 25 that he would not continue racing into his 30s for the sake of it, he will be going to the line again tomorrow.

"I had to make a decision after winning in Stuttgart [aged almost 30] whether to continue," Coe says. "A week later I ran the best 1,500 of the year in 3:29.7 in Rieti, having wasted my chance of a double in Stuttgart, and I felt in good shape for the World championships in Rome. If I'd run well there, I would probably have called it a day, but after more injuries and then the frustration of Seoul last year, I felt it was not the satisfactory way to end my career."

So this season he determined to suit himself. To have no objectives of selection for any British team events, only an August peak centring on Zurich next week. He says that he would have run as deputy to Cram in the European Cup at Gateshead, or previously against Kenya, if the selectors had given him sufficient warning; that he would be happy to be nominated for the World Cup if his form justifies it; and that if he qualifies for the Commonwealth Games he will make a decision at the end of the summer. His motivation to run in Auckland, even though he has never competed in the Commonwealth event, remains uncertain.

The remarkable Mike Boit, of Kenya, who missed the 1976 Olympics because of a boycott, admits to being 41, though it could be more. He was therefore 27 when he ran Juantorena so close in the 1977 World Cup, and 31 when he pressed Coe to a new mile record in Brussels four years later. How does age affect Coe's challenge tomorrow and against Bile and Aouita next week?

"While normally I would have been racing hard in June and July, that would mean losing 20 to 25 days' training. There are no soft races these days. I've come to the racing phase late, and hope I will benefit from it. I feel ambivalent about the Commonwealth Games at the moment, and I'll just wait to see what happens during the next month or so."



Still in the running: Coe seems determined to suit himself nowadays

Commonwealth tester for untried Rosswess

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

There were more than a few dreams realized and ruined at the Olympic trials in Birmingham's Alexander Stadium last year. The same will happen at the Kodak AAA/WAAA championships, which serve as England's Commonwealth Games trials, at the same venue this weekend. And Mike Rosswess and Sebastian Coe could find their fortunes reversed.

Rosswess bustled his way onto the British sprint scene last year by snatching the third place in the 200 metres, finishing seventh in the Olympics, then winning a bronze medal in the world indoor championships in March.

Coe, meanwhile, failed to defend his Olympic 1,500 metres title, then an administrative folly resulted in him being refused an opportunity to win the 800 metres title which had twice eluded him.

Both athletes have had their share of injuries since then, and come into the hundredth Amateur Athletic Association championship almost untried.

Rosswess has had the worst of the injuries. "First it was the ankle, then the top of the leg, then the bottom of the foot; it was three months altogether," he said. "People have been saying how difficult it is to come straight back in without racing, but I've been racing in training. I'll do the 100 metres, and see how that goes, before I decide on the 200 metres. But there won't be any middle path, I'll either be very good or very bad."

Mike Oliban, Rosswess's coach, said: "Michael's ready to rumble." Whatever that means, the suggestion is implicit that we do not miss it. And with Linford Christie deciding to do both sprints, and John Regis, Marcus Adam, Lincoln Asquith, Mike McFarlane, and Olapade Adeniken, of Nigeria, the world junior 200 metres silver medal winner, the 100 metres should be closely contested.

There is still a suspicion that Coe and Steve Ovett will somehow avoid meeting in the 1,500 metres for the first time in Britain. But if they do meet, Said Aouita has no doubt of the outcome. Speaking before his race in Malmo on Wednesday night, Aouita, the 1,500 metres world record holder, said: "Coe without question. After seeing his 800 metres in Viareggio, I think he's capable of 3.34min. It probably won't be that fast, being a championship, but I think he'll win."

But Steve Crabb had a different view of the outcome. He said: "I've won through twice in trials before, and I think I'll be first or second whoever is in the field. I'm flying in training."

"After last year, I'll just be glad to get through the first day," Coe said, referring to his failure to qualify for the final last year. But he said it with such levity as to make the possibility of a repeat as remote as the next Olympics. But if he wins, he could at least get to the next Olympic venue, Barcelona, as a member of the British World Cup team next month.

In any case, Coe's chances have been enhanced because Crabb has already declared himself unavailable to act as best man at a close friend's wedding on September 9.

Commercial pressures dictated the policy of "first two past the post" selection for the Olympics, ensuring that the elite turned up for the trials. The British selectors largely got away with it last year. But it is unlikely that the England Commonwealth selectors will be so fortunate this year, especially since they do not even have a further condition of qualifying marks, to reject the poorer class athletes, who might finish in the first two, in the absence of injured superiors.

But reiteration of that policy this week also presumes that the negative noises about athletes doubling up in events cannot apply either. There was much criticism of Eamonn Martin, who ran in both the 5,000 and the 10,000 metres competitions in the Olympic Games, after he had failed to make any impact at either distance.

But Martin, who won the 10,000 metres trial last month, must now be favourite for the 5,000 metres this weekend. If he finishes in the first two, he must go to Auckland.

Tony Jarrett was planning to use the policy to help his training partner, Hugh Teape, get into the Commonwealth team. That entailed Jarrett not running and Teape getting one of the first two English places behind the likely winner, the Welshman, Colin Jackson.

But since that would have precluded Jon Ridgeon, who is injured, Jarret has been prevailed upon to run. Yet a hamstring injury could still rule Jarrett out.

The Women's AAA has added the rider of qualifying marks. That should obviate the problem of someone like Fatima Whitbread being left at home, should she be fit enough to compete in the Commonwealth Games next January.

Africa impoverished by absentees

Lagos (Reuter) — Poverty is forcing many of Africa's world-class athletes to put aside national pride and ignore meetings on their own continent.

The African championships here last weekend should have been the African team trial for next month's World Cup in Barcelona. But they were notable, instead, for the long list of withdrawals. Leading officials are becoming increasingly worried by the absenteeism.

Lamine Diack, the president of the African Amateur Athletics Confederation, admitted he was deeply disappointed by the poor field and believes the confederation must boost its funds by attracting sponsors and selling television rights.

"Football is the No. 1 sport in most African countries but many governments can't even fund that properly," George Ogan, a former chairman of the Nigerian AAA and a silver medal-winner in the triple jump at the 1966 Commonwealth Games. "Track and field has no chance of attention in such conditions."

Among the athletes themselves, the lure of big money on offer in Europe is proving increasingly hard to resist, especially for the many middle-distance talents to have come out of Africa.

Yet despite their absence from Lagos, Paul Ereng, the Olympic champion at 800 metres, and world champions such as Abdi Bile and Said Aouita could yet run for Africa in the World Cup.

Several places have been left open in the African team, named this week, for athletes who failed to turn up to the championships. The team will be finalized after the Grand Prix finals in Monte Carlo on Sept 2.

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EQUESTRIANISM

Injury blow to Stark's hope of winning European title

By Jenny MacArthur

Ian Stark, the Olympic individual silver medal winner, has had to withdraw his top horse, Murphy Himself, from the Barbour British Open Horse Trials at Gatcombe Park this weekend following a freak accident.

The 10-year-old gelding, who was considered a leading contender for the European three-day championships at Burghley next month, after finishing fifth at Badminton in May, sustained a deep wound in his stifle while being transported from the gallops at Lambourn to the team training centre at Badminton earlier this week.

"We think there must have been something sharp in the partition," Stark said yesterday. "The wound was stitched up but bled internally and had to be restitched. The leg is very swollen and it's very unlikely he'll be fit in time for Burghley."

Fortunately, Stark has an able reserve long-listed horse in Glenburnie, on whom he was fourth at Badminton. But with both Stark and Virginia Leng now reduced to one horse for the European championships — Leng relying on her Badminton winner, Master Craftsman — the selectors are concerned to minimise the risks over Captain Mark Phillips's course at Gatcombe.

All the riders on the long list — now reduced to 16 following the withdrawal of Mary Thomson and Mark Mingo earlier this week — are expected to compete across country but, with the hard ground an additional worry Jane Holderness-Roddam, the chairman of the selectors, is issuing special instructions concerning the riding of the course following the course walk today.

No such constraints will bind Mark Todd, of New Zealand, the winner of the British Open last year on his dual Olympic gold medal winning horse, Charisma.

He is defending his title with two on-form horses, Jued Ladd and Bahlua, and, in the absence of the injured Robert Lemieux, who became British national champion after finishing runner-up last year, Todd has a realistic chance of winning the £2,500 first prize a second successive season.

Of the long-listed riders, Anne-Marie Taylor and Tombo have one of the best chances of success following their convincing win at Dauntsey, in Wiltshire, last month. Rodney Powell, who was forced through a back injury to watch Mark Todd ride his horse, The Irishman, into third place at Badminton, now has to prove to the selectors that he is fit enough to achieve a similar result with the brilliant 10-year-old gelding.

The competition, which includes two advanced sections as well as the 70-strong British Open Class, begins today with two days of dressage followed by the cross country on Sunday.

POLO

Adrenalin flows with champagne

By Louise Taylor

Adrenalin will be flowing more freely than champagne in West Berlin over the next 10 days, after the world championships get under way this morning. While the sport's social cachet attracts a sizeable contingent of hangers-on, many primarily interested in the après-polo, the participants are there for a fiercely competitive cocktail of skill, danger and exhilaration.

It is 53 years since the last competitive polo event took place in Berlin, when it attracted more spectators than any other team sport during the 1936 Olympics. The world championships will be played at the same venue, the Maifeld, arguably the world's premier purpose-built polo field, which was specially constructed for the Olympics and has remained under the care of the British Army since the Second World War.

After various preliminary rounds involving 20 teams in eight zones, the eight finalists to have qualified for Berlin are Argentina, Australia, Chile, France, Germany, Switzerland, Britain (who are sending a team under the auspices of the Hurlingham club), and the United States. They will make use of some 200 ponies shipped in from various corners of the globe.

As champions, Argentina are obviously strong contenders, along with Britain, the European champions. However, with Argentina having arranged a domestic qualifying tournament to perm their world championship line-up from more than 30 local teams, nobody is harbouring any illusions that supplanting them will be easy.

These championships are the first polo event to enjoy extensive television coverage, with live pictures being beamed to Britain, West Germany, America, France, Switzerland, Australia, and South America.

TENNIS

Goodall finds new incentive

From Barry Wood, Los Angeles

Jason Goodall, of Yorkshire, ranked No. 5 in Great Britain, has abandoned his career to take up a coaching position with Pam Shriver. Increasingly frustrated with his inability to advance beyond the ordinary as a player, Goodall, aged 22, decided earlier this year to take up coaching, and much to his surprise found himself with the daunting task of revitalizing the career of one of the game's top players.

Originally seeking a coach for himself in a final effort to improve his own game, he spoke with Shriver in Tokyo in the spring and she suggested he try working with her long-time mentor, Don Candy.

"The three of us worked together in Baltimore for a month," Goodall said, " but I felt I'd reached as far as I could and asked Don if he knew of a coaching job, and a couple of days later he asked if I'd be interested in working with Pam."

A recent member of the Davis Cup squad against Argentina, Goodall nevertheless felt snubbed by the LTA when he failed to obtain a wild card this year for Wimbledon. "I play for 11 months of the year and get nothing out of it", he said. "I was getting no money and I wasn't getting the support I felt I should be getting from certain areas of the federation."

Shriver, who is ready to rededicate herself to the game after months of self-doubt, will receive help in a variety of areas. "I think she realized how professional I am regarding attitude, training, diet, organisation, and those are things she needs in her life right now," Goodall said.

Monique Javer reached the third round of the Virginia Slims tournament here by defeating Gigi Fernandez, of Puerto Rico, 7-6, 6-3, on Wednesday. Javer now meets Zina Garrison, of the United States.

● LIVINGSTON: Jason Stoltenberg, of Australia, used an aggressive serve and volley game to defeat Michael Chang, winner of the French championship, in the second round of the grand prix tournament here in New Jersey on Wednesday (Reuter reports). Stoltenberg, aged 19 and ranked 113th in the world, beat the top-seeded world No. 5, 6-3, 7-6. Chris Bailey, the British No. 2, also advanced to the quarter-finals with a 6-3, 7-5 victory over Rich Fromberg, of Australia.

CRICKET

Finney is proving his worth

Minor counties cricket by Michael Austin

Norfolk are a transformed team, well placed to win the Eastern Division of the Minor Counties championship after making a previous sequence of 31 matches without a victory seem just a bad memory.

Steve Plumb, their captain, said yesterday: "If we can beat Cambridgeshire at March next week then we must have an excellent chance of lifting the title. It is a good omen that we have usually done well against them."

Three wins in eight matches reflect Norfolk's sharply rising fortunes under the guidance of Roger Finney, their player-coach, who is in his first season with them since leaving Derbyshire.

"Apart from scoring valuable runs for us, Roger watches local league matches on Saturdays to continue our search for promising players," said Plumb, a farmer, who has recently turned to breeding edible snails as a sideline.

Danny Stamp, aged 22, a prolific batsman from London, has won Norfolk's "Young Player of the Year" award and other factors in the county's success are the regular availability of Quorn Handley, a left-handed batsman who is 40 today and the penetration of Andy Mack and Ray Kingshott, who have both taken more than 30 wickets.

Suffolk are among Norfolk's challengers, partly through the heavy scoring of Mike McEvoy, who beat his career best twice in a week. McEvoy scored 154 against Hertfordshire, his last 100 runs coming off only 44 balls when Suffolk were given a run donation as an inducement to declare.

The match was drawn but Suffolk beat Bedfordshire by two wickets and their weakened team shared an honourable draw with Norfolk, in which Nick Gregory, aged 19, the Suffolk Colts captain, went in on a pair on his first appearance and battled his way to 39 off 218 balls.

Bedfordshire, without a championship win since beating Hertfordshire two years ago, have a final chance this season to end their barren spell when they meet Cambridgeshire at Fenner's on August 29.

John Wake, the Bedfordshire captain, said: "We are basically a one-day team, having reached the Knock-Out Cup quarter-finals. We have also taken first-innings points four times but lost five of our eight matches."

Bedfordshire look expectantly towards a youth policy, which has already produced Paul Owen, slow left-arm, and two quick bowlers, Matthew White and Andrew McCartney.

RESULTS: Bury St Edmunds: Suffolk 216-7 (P J Caley 101; J P Taylor 5-73); Staffordshire 105 (I D Graham 5-23) and 17-0. Reading: Cheshire 93 and 217 (I Cockbain 92, G Blackburn 52); Berkshire 153-8 dec and 159-5 (M Lickley 78 not out). Berkshire won by 5 wkts. Torquay: Devon 229-7 (A J Pugh 69, K Donohoue 63 not out); Oxfordshire 171-2 (S Watenon 101 not out, P J Garner 54).

BOWLS

Luker due for a busy time

Graham Luker, of Clevedon, has achieved the rare feat of qualifying for all four events in the Woolwich English Bowls Association championships, which begin at Worthing on Monday (Gordon Allan writes).

He has Gordon James with him in the pairs, in which the other Somerset qualifiers are the past winners, David Bryant and David Rhys Jones, also from Clevedon. In the singles, Luker has been drawn against Ronnie Gass, of Wigton, the 1985 runner-up, in his opening match.

Blackheath and Greenwich also have multiple representation, with Martyn Sekjer figuring in the singles, triples and fours.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Seven-a-side debut for Griffiths at St Helens

By Keith Macklin

Jonathan Griffiths, the former Llanelli half back, will get his first taste of Rugby League with St Helens on Sunday as a member of the squad for the seven-a-sides at Central Park, Wigan, where he will face his former colleague in the Welsh team, Jonathan Davies.

Davies has been selected in a powerful Widnes squad, which includes two other former rugby union international players, Paul Moriarty, of Wales, and the Scot, Alan Tait.

Griffiths has already shown signs of settling down well at Knowsley Road, and has been helped to acclimatize to the north of England by the formation of an association for past and present Welsh players who have switched codes.

St Helens will also include Tony Kay, the strong-running Barrow centre, who is on trial at the club on a week to week basis, and the St Helens coach, Alex Murphy, hopes he will solve the problem at centre created when Meninga returned to Australia.

Murphy yesterday denied that he was interested in signing the Wigan and Great Britain forward Ian Potter, who is on the transfer list at £45,000.

CYCLING

Kelly for Tour of Britain

Sean Kelly confirmed yesterday that he will ride the 500-mile Kellogg's Tour of Britain, which starts in Dundee on August 29, two days after he finishes the 170-mile world professional road race championship at Chambery, France (Peter Bryan writes). He was third last year, 34 seconds behind the winner, Malcolm Elliott.

The Irishman, who leads the World Cup series, will be supported by his PDM team of Martin Earley, Jorg Muller, Johannes Draaijer and Marc Van Orsouv.

The itinerary is: August 30: Dundee to Glasgow; August 31: Manchester to Liverpool; September 1: Chester to Birmingham; September 2: Birmingham to Cardiff; September 3: Westminster circuit race.

STUDENT SPORT

Sports scholarships are on offer

A remarkable development programme by a London independent college, Lansdowne, which has no sports facilities of its own, will create 15 sports scholarships, covering either half or all tuition fees, from the start of term in mid-September (Mark Herbert writes)

A number of local students have already been accepted on basketball, golf, cricket, tennis and football scholarships.

The college offers further education to A level standard and higher education to full United States degree standards. Facilities and coaching have been arranged with local colleges, clubs and centres, and applications for scholarships will be considered up to the start of term.

Details are available from Lansdowne College, 7/9 Palace Gate, London W8 5LS (01-581-3307).

POWERBOATING

Jones's chance to beat the Seebolds

By Bryan Stiles

European drivers have made the long haul to St Louis this weekend because they cannot afford to miss the chance of winning more points in the world inland circuit championship.

Competition at the top of the championship table is fierce, with a different winner at each of the four grands prix held so far this season, and only six points separating the top four competitors.

The chance to beard the redoubtable Seebold family in their United States lair is always an exciting prospect. Bill, the senior Seebold, shares third position with Steve Kerton, of Britain, and he will be keyed-up to take the honours in front of his home crowd on Sunday and possibly finish up leading the championship table. His son, Mike, has failed to register any points this season, and so will be keener than ever to repeat his victory of last year.

The European challenge will be spearheaded by Jonathan Jones, of Wales, who leads with 15 points, having won at Bristol and placing second at Minsk.

It looked as if Jones had the last grand prix, at Como, neatly tied up when he led for 51 of the 60 laps. He was a lap ahead of the second-placed driver, Guido Cappellini, when his boat hit a swell, became airborne and flipped violently, ending his hopes of an easy nine championship points.

Cappellini was declared the winner, lifting him to second place in the table with 12 points. He survived a protest by John Hill and Dean Stallard, the British drivers, who claimed they were ahead of the Italian when the race was officially called off because of Jones's accident.

GRAND PRIX LEADERS

Driver	*A	B	C	D	TS
J Jones (GB)	—	9	6	—	15
G Cappellini (I)	3	—	—	9	12
B Seebold (US)	9	—	—	—	9
S Kerton (GB)	—	—	9	—	9
D Stallard (GB)	—	2	2	4	8
C Rush (US)	6	—	—	—	6
P Duggan (GB)	—	6	—	—	6
M Weimer (WG)	—	3	3	—	6
J Hill (GB)	—	—	—	6	6

*A = Augusta Grand Prix, B = Bristol, C = Minsk, D = Como.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Fifth Cornhill Test match
11.0, 90 overs minimum
TRENT BRIDGE: England v Australia.

Britannic Assurance Championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Lancashire.
COLCHESTER: Essex v Northamptonshire.
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Middlesex.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Warwickshire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey.
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Worcestershire.
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Leicestershire.
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Western: Derbyshire v Glamorgan; Dowe: Kent v Gloucestershire; Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire; Northampton: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire; Newark (Worthington Simpson): Nottinghamshire v Essex; Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire; Fosters Oval: Surrey v Lancashire; Wellesley: Warwickshire v Sussex.

FOOTBALL

OTHER MATCHES (7.30): Brighton v Charlton; Leyton Orient v Chelsea; Swansea v Crystal Palace.

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATWEST STUDENTS WORLD CUP: Third-Fourth place play-offs (Haworth): Wales v Ireland (5.0); Netherlands v Scotland (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Kodak AAA-WAAA National championships (Birmingham).
BOWLS: Bournemouth open tournament; Liverpool Victoria British women's championships (Leamington Spa).
EQUESTRIANISM: Barbour British open horse trials championship (Gatcombe Park).
GOLF: Benson and Hedges open (Fulford); Seniors' open (Moortown and Alwoodley); Boys' internationals (Naim).
POLO: National 15-goal championship (Cirencester); National 8-goal championship (Cowdray Park).
SPEEDWAY: National League: Glasgow v Poole; Hackney v Exeter; Peterborough v Edinburgh.
YACHTING: Solo world championship (Plymouth).

SPORT ON TV

ATHLETICS: ITV 8-9pm. C4 9-10pm: Kodak Commonwealth Games trials: Live coverage from the Alexander stadium, Birmingham.

TRY THIS

Paul Maher's suggestion for a sporting day out

VULTRIX KC TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT: To mark its twentieth year, Vultrix korfball club stages a tournament on Sunday at Raynes Park, south-west London. Fifty teams involving more than 400 players will compete. Four teams from The Netherlands, the home of korfball, one from Belgium and the Taiwan national squad, touring Europe after the World Games in Karlsruhe, will also take part.

The modern sport, popular on the Continent, resembles basketball and netball in that the object is to score in a basket, 11ft 9in off the ground, by passing the ball along the court. Running is not permitted. This makes for a fast, flowing game because an attacking player cannot score if he or she is marked. It is a strictly mixed sport with four men and four women comprising a team.

From its origins in The Netherlands at the start of the century, the sport here has only begun to expand significantly outside London and the south-east in the last two decades, though it is played at universities and polytechnics. Britain fields teams in every age group and the seniors finished third at the world championships at Rotterdam in 1987. At the World Games last month, Britain managed fifth place with the United States.

How to get there: ILEA Sports Ground, Grand Drive, Raynes Park, London, SW20 (Tel: 01-542-2391). The ground is signposted and there is ample car parking. Admission is free. The tournament starts at 10am and continues until 5pm.

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: Eurosport 3.30-4.30pm: Victorian Football League: Highlights of Melbourne v Fitzroy.
BASEBALL: Screensport 12.45-3.15pm: Major League. Eurosport 6-7pm: Major League: Highlights San Francisco Giants v Houston Asatros. ITV 4-5am (tomorrow): Major League: Highlights of Cincinnati Reds v Montreal Expos.
BOWLS: Grampian 10.35-11.35pm: Bristol and West Masters tournament from Aberdeen.
BOXING: Screensport 12-2am (tomorrow): Top Rank event from the United States.
CRICKET: BBC2 10.50am-1.10pm and 1.35-6.10pm (includes racing and golf). Highlights 12.10-12.45am (tomorrow): Fifth Cornhill Test match: England v Australia from Trent Bridge.
EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 1.30-2.30 and 7-8pm: Dublin Horse Show.
FOOTBALL: Eurosport 2.30-3.30pm: Dynamo Moscow v World select XI: Highlights. Screensport 8-9.30pm: World Cup qualifying: Venezuela v Chile. Scottish TV 10.35-11.05pm: Preview of the start of the Scottish League season.
GOLF: Screensport 5.30-6pm and 6.30-7am (tomorrow): Inside the PGA. Screensport 10am-12.45pm: St Jude Classic: Third and final days from Memphis, Tennessee. Screensport 6-8pm and 10pm-midnight: United States PGA championship: Live coverage of second day from Hawthorn Woods, Illinois. BBC2 3-5.10pm (includes cricket and racing). Eurosport Highlights 9-11pm: Benson and Hedges International from Fulford.
MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 4-5am (tomorrow): Powersports International. Eurosport 11.30am-midday: Mobil news.
RACING: BBC2 2.40-4.30pm: 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races from Newbury (includes cricket and golf).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Eurosport 8-9pm: Penrith v Parramatta: Highlights from Australia.
SURFING: Eurosport 12-12.30pm: Surfer magazine from Hawaii.
TENNIS: Screensport 2-4am: Volvo International: Semi-finals from Stratton Mountain, Vermont. Screensport 3.15-5.30pm: Canada open: Semi-finals. Screensport 5-6.30am (tomorrow): OTB tournament.
TRIATHLON: Screensport 9.30-10am: Triathlon from France. Eurosport 12.30-1.30pm: World championships from Avignon.
WORLD GAMES: Eurosport 10.30-11.30am, 5-6pm and 11pm-midnight: More than 50 non-Olympic sports from Karlsruhe.

RUGBY UNION

S Africans adamant there will be a tour

Johannesburg (Reuter) — Referring to the difficulty that the South African Rugby Board (SARB) is having in attracting enough foreign players to the republic to form a truly international XV, Pietman Retief, the general manager, confirmed yesterday that the tour proposed as part of the centenary celebrations of the board will still go ahead.

"We will have enough quality players for the tour," he said, though declined to say who the players were or when they would arrive for the tour, the first match of which is scheduled for Durban on August 19.

Unlike unauthorized tours of South Africa, the visit by an international XV has been approved by the sport's world governing body, the International Rugby Board.

But leading players have pulled out, most citing personal or business reasons rather than pressure from anti-apartheid lobbyists, who denounce sporting contacts with South Africa.

A death knell seemed to sound for the tour last week when South African cricket authorities announced they had signed up the unauthorized English team, led by Mike Gatting, for a tour next January, and it was that announcement which touched off an international furore about all sporting links with South Africa, rebel or otherwise.

White South Africans are desperately anxious for next week's tour to go ahead, as much to convince themselves that their homeland is not an international pariah as to give their vaunted Springbok team a taste of foreign competition.

And rugby followers were somewhat reassured yesterday morning when the state-run Radio South Africa announced that six leading French players were packing their bags for the tour.

A separate report, in the Johannesburg newspaper, Business Day, said a team was assembling in Paris which would fly to South Africa on Sunday in a private jet owned by Louis Luyt, a top rugby official in Transvaal province.

YACHTING: BRITAIN EDGE OUT DENMARK TO SNATCH ADMIRAL'S CUP BY THE SLIGHTEST OF MARGINS



All hands on deck: The jubilant crew of Indulgence savours victory after securing the deciding points to help Britain to success in the Admiral's Cup

Indulgence settles the outcome

By Barry Pickthall

In a cliffhanging finish, Britain's three-boat team of Jamarella, Juno and Indulgence scraped home from the Fastnet Rock yesterday to win the Admiral's Cup for the first time since 1981.

The margin of victory over Denmark was a mere 17.5 points, the equivalent of seven places in this final, high-scoring race, and is the closest finish since the United States team won most recently, 20 years ago, by 14 points.

The outcome remained in doubt until Indulgence, Graham Walker's One Tonner, skippered by Eddie Warden Owen, arrived at the Plymouth finish at 9.44am, six hours after her Danish rival 4K. The last full position reports the previous afternoon had placed the British boat a lowly 29th, and as the Danish team came in overnight it was apparent that Warden Owen and his crew had to pick up three places on the final fast spinnaker run from Bishop Rock.

They did it — just — and with Alan Gray's 50ft Jamarella having finished fourth to end the series as leading boat, the twelfth-place finish by Juno, skippered by Mike McIntyre, was sufficient to give Britain the Cup for a record tenth term.

New Zealand, the previous holders, ended the Champagne Mumm series third, 123pts behind the Danes and were followed by the French, Australian and United States teams.

Alan Gray, the delighted British team captain whose Farr-designed yacht will be shipped to America on Monday to compete in the remaining rounds of the 50ft championship series, admitted that it had not been easy.

"Andelsbanken [Victor Greulich's top Danish 50-footer] caught a puff of wind and sailed away, leaving us anchored of Portland Bill for six hours," he said. "Later, when the two leading One Tonners, 4K and Sagacious, came across and tacked on us, we thought we were at the back of the fleet."

The only other boat to have broken away by sailing well clear of Portland was the American craft, Great News, skippered by Tom Blackaller. Andelsbanken clawed back to within 30 minutes on the return leg from the Fastnet to Bishop Rock, but a split mainsail during the final stage back to Plymouth gave the Americans overall victory in the race.

Jamarella's chances also came close to grief during the return leg. Racing against their Japanese sister ship, Will, the two yachts avoided running aground while cheating the tide around the Lizard after Robin Aisher's Yeoman crew had ignored two warnings from the coast guard and ran on the rocks. The crunch left Aisher and his bowman, Stuart Munro, injured and the Norwegian chartered yacht trailing in 34th position.

The Royal Ocean Racing Club team, which shared the Champagne Mumm world title with New Zealand two years ago, finished second to Australia despite their failure to compete in two of the events that make up the world series. New Zealand and the United States finished equal third followed by West Germany, Italy and Japan.

RESULTS: Fastnet Race: 1, Great News (R Short, US), 89hr 9min 10sec; 2, Beck's Diva (G Barker, WG), 89:28:36; 3, Andelsbanken IV (V Greulich, Den), 89:45:31; 4, Jamarella (A Gray, GB), 90:22:36; 5, Will (R Oda, Japan), 90:34:05. Other British placings: 12, Juno IV (M Peacock); 20, Indulgence (G Walker). Admiral's Cup team placings: 1, Great Britain, 748; 2, Denmark, 730.5; 3, New Zealand, 667.5; 4, France, 622; 5, Australia, 617; 6, United States, 600; 7, Japan 552.5; 8, West Germany, 537; 9, Italy, 498.5; 10, Norway, 399.5; 11, Netherlands, 387; 12, Sweden, 275; 13, Ireland, 256.5; 14, Argentina, 196. 1987-1989 Champagne Mumm World Cup: 1, Australia, 298pts; 2, Great Britain, 199; equal 3, New Zealand and United States, 198pts; 5, West Germany, 195; equal 6, Italy and Japan, 193.

MOTOR RACING

Hungaroring gives a new slippery twist to the season

By John Blunsden

The many tight and slippery corners of the picturesque Hungaroring will be the cause of some optimism this weekend on the part of most grand prix teams who are anxious to narrow, if not close completely, the gap in performance which has existed this year behind the all-powerful McLaren-Hondas.

The Hungarian race is on a circuit which offers only one straight of reasonable length on which the Honda's power advantage can be used to maximum effect. The Hungarian Grand Prix will be all about adhesion — the ability to put power through the rear wheels on a circuit which, even in the dry, poses grip problems. When it is wet, the Hungaroring becomes something akin to a skating rink.

At this fourth race since the circuit's inauguration in 1986, at least drivers will find that one of the hazards has been removed. Until now, they have had to cope with a very tricky downhill S-bend shortly after the start, through which cars can so easily become unbalanced. The need for this obstruction was to avoid the path of an underground stream which would have otherwise constantly soaked the track.

Now, the water has been rerouted and the S-bend, consequently, has been removed, shaving a fraction off the 2½-mile lap's distance and suggesting a lap speed of much more than 100mph.

In such a racing environment, there seems justification for Ferrari's guarded optimism, because their chassis seems to work as well as any. "I feel we have a good chance of victory in Hungary where the circuit is much better suited for the Ferraris and not so good for the McLarens," Nigel Mansell said yesterday.

The Williamses, meanwhile, are also looking forward to this race, and the Benetton-Fords should also be strong contenders this weekend if their performance in Germany, before the unexpected exit of their cars (one through a minor electrical fault, the other through an accident) was an accurate barometer of their potential.

But this is also the sort of race which can produce the unexpected, and among the dark horses, Brabham, March and Arrows could find the ingredients for their best result of the season. There is a political wind of change blowing through Hungary; a change in the faces on the rostrum on Sunday afternoon would also be welcome.

BOXING

McGuigan blesses McMillan quest

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

The man to follow in the footsteps of Barry McGuigan set off on his quest for a world title yesterday. Colin McMillan has had only four contests, but the former world champion believes that the young Barking featherweight will go all the way.

McGuigan said: "McMillan is definitely the most outstanding young boxer to emerge in Britain for a great many years. He has fast hands, quick footwork and an impressive all-round ability. With careful guidance and good management he will go all the way."

McMillan leaves on Sunday for the United States to start his education at the famous Gleason's gymnasium in New York under the eye of Ray Arcel, the 90-year-old trainer, who has had in his care great names like Pep, Zale, Graziano, Lamotta, Cooney, Holmes, Durán . . . the list goes on.

McMillan will also take in the trip to the notorious Kronk gym in Detroit, where Dennis Andries has been entrusted with the task of seeing he comes to no harm.

McMillan, aged 23, will be promoted by Frank Warren but the boxer has broken with tradition and placed his future in the hands of a journalist, Jonathan Rendall, my colleague, who will act as an adviser. He has already secured financial backing from private investors to enable McMillan to give up his job as a Telex technician and take up boxing full-time.

McMillan is being sponsored by a group of Londoners who have taken out shares worth £50 in him. The aim is to raise £20,000 to fund a three-year plan. It is a modest start but McMillan can take heart from the knowledge that Sugar Ray Leonard was launched in a similar manner by three friends who believed in him.

McMillan, who won four London ABA championships, was controversially beaten for the national title and was a member of the British Olympic squad for Seoul. If brains count for anything in the ring, he will be well served. McMillan has seven O levels and three A levels.

He has won three of his four bouts as a professional, the defeat being on a cut eye. His first bout under the Rendall scheme will be on September 19 at the London Arena in Docklands and he will then appear on the undercard of the Laing-Collins British welterweight title bout in the Arena on October 11.

SNOOKER

Higgins arrives late and pays the penalty

From Steve Acteson, Hong Kong

Alex Higgins was yesterday considering retiring from snooker altogether after being docked a frame for arriving late for his Hong Kong Open fifth round match against Dene O'Kane, which the former world champion eventually lost 5-2.

The tournament director who took the decision is Paul Hatherell, the same man whom Higgins headbutted at the 1986 United Kingdom championships, resulting in the Irishman's five-tournament ban.

Higgins, aged 40, said yesterday that he had been physically sick in his hotel room before the match and then delayed by a lift.

"I was only about 40 seconds late," he said. "If I didn't need the money I'd pack the game in.

Hatherell said: "Higgins was three minutes late, and rules are rules."

RESULTS: Fifth round: D O'Kane (NZ) bt A Higgins (N Ire), 5-2; G Wilkinson (Eng) bt S Newbury (Wales), 5-1; D Taylor (N Ire) bt M Clark (Eng), 5-3; S Hendry (Scot) bt L Dodd (Eng), 5-3, N Foulds (Eng) bt W Thorne (Eng), 5-1, M Hallett (Eng) bt J Virgo (Eng), 5-1.

BADMINTON

Dew to retire with his dignity intact

Martin Dew, one of the leading doubles players in badminton over the last decade, is to retire from the game.

The Middlesex player, aged 31, who won the All England mixed doubles title with Gillian Gilks in 1982 and 1984, has decided that his job as a computer systems manager is too demanding.

Dew, who recently won his hundredth cap, said: "I've reached all the milestones I can conceivably reach. I want to finish with some self-respect

ROWING

Lightweights seek solution

By a Special Correspondent

With just three weeks to the world championships in Bled, Yugoslavia, the exclusion of the Nottingham lightweights from selection for Great Britain's eight is an issue which continues to rumble on. It will be further debated by a special Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) council meeting on Sunday.

The Nottingham squad was excluded from selection when it failed to attend compulsory trials from July 15 to 17, giving two weeks' heavy racing as its excuse. The London-based lightweights, also well-raced, did attend the trials, and now forms the basis of the crew.

On the same day as the team was announced, an ARA special executive meeting discussed the issue and regretted that "up to six of the best dozen lightweight oarsmen in the country were not in the 1989 team", but laid the blame on the lack of a national coach for lightweights and the failure of the Nottingham group to comply with the selection policy.

By that stage, Harry Harvey, the Nottingham area council representative, had obtained a mandate from sufficient clubs to call this Sunday's meeting.

The executive's view is that nothing can be done to change the situation this year, although a committee is already working to clarify the 1990 procedure. Harvey, however, proposes that a "row-off" should be arranged between the selected lightweight eight and the Nottingham crew.

The Nottingham crew has continued in full training to maintain physical condition, although the controversy has surely not had a beneficial effect on the psychological condition of the chosen eight.

EUROSPORT

GRAND PRIX

FROM HUNGARY



GRAND Prix racing moves on to Budapest, Hungary, for another vital Formula One race. Can Alain Prost take the chequered flag and increase his lead at the top of the championship table? Watch Eurosport.

SUNDAY AT 10pm

FROM SWEDEN



WITH only three rounds to go, world motor-cycle champion Eddie Lawson is just six points behind current leader Wayne Rainey. Can he close the gap still further in the 500cc Swedish Grand Prix from Anderstorp? Don't miss this crucial race.

SUNDAY AT 5pm



GOLF

FROM FULFORD

EUROSPORT is at the Benson & Hedges International at Fulford, England. Britain's Gordon Brand Jnr is among the favourites but with Ryder Cup points at stake competition will be intense.

TONIGHT AND TOMORROW AT 9pm. SUNDAY AT 8pm

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SQUASH RACKETS

Dittmar's fervour paying off

From Colin McQuillan
Perth

Chris Dittmar, the world No. 3, is defending his Australian Open title here with a potent mixture of vengeance and national fervour. Already on record as castigating those home-based players who did not make the long trek into Western Australia for their nation's premier event, Dittmar has played this week as though each relinquished point would be deducted from his bank balance rather than his scoreline.

In yesterday's semi-finals he defeated Rodney Eyles, of Queensland, 9-3, 9-3, 9-2, in 43 minutes, making one unforced error and being genuinely outmanoeuvred in only five rallies by one of the most improved and fastest shotmakers in the game. The previous day he defeated Geoff Hunt, the former world champion whose prestige in Australia is enormous, and admitted cheerfully that he was trying for a 27-0 whitewash over the 43-year-old doyen of the international game.

Even sweeter was the crushing of Eyles, who recently took the New South Wales Open final from Dittmar after the big left-hander from Adelaide had held match-point at 8-3 in the third game.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Men: R Martin (Queensland) bt C Robertson (Queensland), 6-9, 9-4, 9-7, 9-0; C Dittmar (S Australia) bt R Eyles (Queensland), 9-3, 9-3, 9-2. Women: V Cardwell (S Australia) bt R Lambourne (W Australia), 9-3, 2-9, 9-4, 9-1; D Brady (Queensland) bt L Irving (Queensland), 4-9, 9-5, 9-2, 1-9, 9-7.

SURFING

Hargreaves makes waves

Spencer Hargreaves, of Newquay, yesterday had a surprising first-round victory in the Hot Tuna Surfmasters, on his home Fistral Beach, when he beat the world's sixteenth-ranked surfer, John Shimooka, of the United States (a Special Correspondent writes). Hargreaves, aged 15, only came into the event on a wild card and was not expected to advance beyond the first round. Shimooka, from Hawaii, came to Newquay with a third place and a win from the two previous tournaments in California.

RESULTS: Mens First round: J Junior (Br), 82.7pts, bt M Parsons (US), 76.8; 2 G Sims (SA), 75, bt G Wilson (Aus), 68.5; 3 A Pereira (Br), 88.3, bt M Thorson (Aus), 84.5; 4 S Munro (Aus), 83, bt C Horan (Aus), 75.5; 5 S Hargreaves (GB), 76.5, bt J Shimooka (US), 68.3; J Booth (US), 84, bt L Bartlett (GB), 55.5.

HOCKEY

England fail to seize chance

From Sydney Friskin
Ipoh, Malaysia

England	1
Soviet Union	1

England dropped a precious point to the Soviet Union in their attempt for a place in the semi-finals of the Junior World Cup tournament here yesterday, but although they deserve sympathy for the hard knocks they took, their failure to capitalize on a favourable situation can hardly be condoned.

The Soviets went through the first 15 minutes of the second half with 10 players as first one and then another was suspended for rough play. Kirkland had levelled the score for England from a short corner within two minutes after the interval, and there followed a glorious chance to take the lead four minutes later from a penalty stroke. Garcia, who had been obstructed inside the circle by Chatski, took the stroke himself and pushed the ball straight at the goalkeeper, who made an easy save.

Both Garcia and Mayer, who were frequently in the hunt, were always haunted by the fear of being tripped from behind, the crude tackling by the Soviet defenders having begun midway through the first half when Kholopov received a green warning card, this being followed by a yellow suspension card two minutes before half-time to Sorokin. Hardly had he been recalled when Novosenin was dismissed.

England's troubles had begun when they conceded a goal in the tenth minute, having failed to cut off a centre from the right by Talalai and leaving the way clear for Novosenin to rush in and score. Yet within a minute there was a chance for England to equalize, but a reverse stick shot by Lee went adrift and two minutes later Kirkland's shot from a short corner was deflected by the goalkeeper.

For long spells in the second half, the Soviet defence was in disarray. Yet the gods were with them when Liutikov saved fortuitously on the line from Mayer at a short corner. A final thrust by Mayer came to an end when he was checked by the goalkeeper. Jagdis Barber had a splendid game for England at right-half, but the attack in general lacked a spearhead.

ENGLAND: A Fanshawe (Formby); M Kirkland (Taunton Vale), Jaskirpjar Chana (Bournville), Jagdis Barber (Southgate), P McGuire (Teddington), Amarjit Degan (Barford Tigers, sub: M Cross, Bromley), C Mayer (Cannock), R Garcia (Havant, captain), R Crashley (Neston, sub: S Middle, Slough), J Lovell (Teddington), J Lee (East Grinstead).
SOVIET UNION: Y Pakirnov; M Liutikov (captain), O Timofev, T Chatski, Y Plasnev, V Kholopov, A Sorokin, A Novosenin, I Talalai (sub: S Leontiev), A Bogdanov (sub: Y Safonov), S Fomin.

RESULTS: Group A: West Germany 10, Egypt 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Germany	2	2	0	0	15	2	4
Australia	2	2	0	0	11	2	4
Malaysia	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Argentina	2	1	0	1	5	6	2
Netherlands	2	0	0	2	1	7	0
Egypt	2	0	0	2	1	17	0

Group B: Pakistan 4, South Korea 3; United States 0, Spain 1; England 1, Soviet Union 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pakistan	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
Soviet Union	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
South Korea	2	1	0	1	3	5	2
Spain	2	1	0	1	2	5	2
England	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
United States	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

England given priority

Members of the England women's squad have been told not to play county and territorial hockey this season in order not to disrupt Great Britain's preparations for the World Cup in Australia next May. They will, however, be allowed to play at club and international level.

Four junior internationals — Julia Robertson (Welwyn), Christine Cook (Hightown), Mandy Langridge (Ealing) and Helen Thornalley (Skegness) — have been included in an England XI to play France at Bristol University on August 30.

● Preston North End Football Club has a second opportunity to stage international men's hockey on its artificial surface when Deepdale will be the venue for England's three nations cup match against West Germany on October 18. Australia met England at Preston in June.

SCHOOLS RUGBY

Rydal show good form on Canadian tour

By Michael Stevenson

Rydal, first to report news of their summer tour, believe that they are the first school to have visited Newfoundland. They came up against tough and aggressive defence, but found the opposition rather limited in attack.

Rydal lost only one match, to the Newfoundland Provincial under-19 side.

Llandovery College enjoyed an excellent tour in Canada, winning four of their five matches and drawing the other against bigger and stronger Canadian boys. Randall Jones, the master-in-charge, was pleased with his charges: "Our lads played some sparkling rugby; we were technically superior upfront and had more ideas and skill behind the scrum."

There is considerable optimism at Llandovery about the coming season's prospects, as six former colours are returning, including Ian Jones, their Welsh Schools' international, who will captain the side from centre. They will have good backs, especially with the arrival of a new sprinter, Gregory Bourne.

Wellington College are hoping for a good season, with five former colours remaining. The team, which will possess real speed in the backs and very mobile forwards, will be captained by J. P. Moyes.

Rugby have 10 players with first team experience back. They will be entertaining Rathkeale School, from Masterton, and Kings School, Auckland, and they will provide stern opposition as will a one-off match against Sherborne during the half-term break in October.

TOUR RESULTS: Rydal 9, Eastern Ontario 6; Rydal 30, Ottawa Beavers 20; Rydal 9, Montreal Barbarians 0; Rydal 20, Mount Pearl Dogs 0; Rydal 6, Newfoundland 21; Rydal 21, St Johns 0. Llandovery 51, Niagara Wasps 3; Llandovery 17, Niagara Select XV 6; Llandovery 22, Brampton 16; Llandovery 7, Ontario State 7; Llandovery 13, Surrey Beach 8.

GLIDING

Solid finish puts Scott within reach

The eighth task yesterday of the European and world junior championships in Cambrai, France, was postponed owing to the forecast of heavy rain. This allowed the 31-strong Standard class time to consider a protest after its day seven task was declared invalid.

The second turning point of the Standard task was declared as Montdidier Barracks and a specimen photograph displayed at briefing. However there are no barracks at Montdidier and the photo was of a different town. The debacle overshadowed the 15-metre class task in which Tim Scott, of Britain, finished ninth.

RESULTS: 15 metre: Day seven (281-km trip): 1, Mallick (Fr), LS5, 1,000pts; 2, Gustavsson (Swe), LS8, 997; 3, Dubreuil (Fr), LS8, 987. Britain: 9, T Scott, ASW20, 811. Overall (after 7 days): 1, Raichle (WG) ASW20, 6367; 2, Mallick (Fr) 6067; 3, Gertzmann (WG) Ventus, 6031. Britain: 7, Scott, 5543. Standard: Overall (after 6 days): 1, Rutny (Pol) SZD55, 5072; 2, Ziegler (WG) LS4, 5063; 3, Karow (WG) Discus, 4955. Britain: 7, S Jones, Discus, 4563; 13, Downham, LS7, 3861; 22, M Young, Pegasus, 3480.

Great Commotion suited by trip

By Mandarin

Great Commotion is napped to gain his most important success in the £30,000-added Gardner Merchant Hungerford Stakes at Newbury this afternoon.

His record is one of a high-class colt at around a mile. He boasts a fine second to Shaadi in the Irish 1,000 Guineas, and turned in other good performances when fourth, again to Shaadi, at Royal Ascot and fifth to Kendor in the French 2,000 Guineas.

However, despite those efforts the impression remained that he may be even better at seven furlongs, and his decisive win from Russian Royal over that distance in the Beeswing Stakes at Newcastle last time suggested that he is at least equally effective over a furlong shorter.

The trip today, an extended seven furlongs, should be ideal for him and he is proven on all but very soft ground.

Kerita may be the greatest danger. Her only defeat in her last four starts was when she was hampered in the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot and came home tenth of 12 to Golden Opinion.

She has since returned to winning form with a comfortable win in a listed race at Goodwood but she must improve to beat Great Commotion.

Distant Relative, the winner of a group two race at Phoenix Park last time, is held by Great Commotion on Irish 2,000 Guineas form, and through Distant Relative so is Silca Supreme.

Alex Scott, responsible for Great Commotion, can complete a double with Palace Street in the Seven Barrows Maiden Fillies' Stakes. She followed a third to Chimes Of Freedom in a group three race at Newmarket with a fifth to Pharaoh's Delight at Ascot, and this is a drop in class for her.

There are sure to be some interesting newcomers in the line-up but the market will be the best guide to their prospects.


Alex Scott: double prospects at Newbury this afternoon

The Washington Singer Stakes caused something of a stir last year with the easy win of Prince Of Dance later nullified, in favour of Zalazl, on technical grounds.

It will again attract plenty of interest with the appearance of Karinga Bay, who beat the high-class Contract Law by a neck at York last month. A literal interpretation of that form gives Denys Smith's colt an outstanding chance, but he had the advantage of a previous race whereas Contract Law was making his debut.

I favour Marquetry, the comfortable length winner of a maiden at Salisbury, where trainer Guy Harwood has often introduced good-class two-year-olds. The second, Courtesy Title, has since won easily so the form looks sound.

The Ladbrokes Handicap is a tightly-framed contest in which I side with Fecamp. He was a comfortable winner at Salisbury last month on good to soft ground before running a fair fifth to Polar Boy at Newmarket, on which form there is not much between him and Hawwam. However, his two career wins have come with cut in the ground and any rain would help his cause.

The best bet at Haydock Park's evening meeting could be Rolfeson in the *West Lancashire Evening Gazette* Apprentices' Handicap. He was an emphatic winner at Wolverhampton last week and is penalized only 4lb for that success.

La Rosette, a good fifth to Nearctic Flame at York in May, can overcome a lengthy absence in the Red Rose Radio Maiden Stakes.

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin
2.10 Crystal Sprite.
2.40 Fecamp.
3.10 GREAT COMMOTION (nap).
3.40 Marquetry.
4.10 Palace Street.
4.40 Mytaski.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.10 Dry Point.
2.40 Kremlin Guard.
3.10 Great Commotion.
3.40 Broadway Star.
4.10 PALACE STREET (nap).
4.40 Diamond Path.

By Michael Seely
2.40 Fecamp. 3.10 GREAT COMMOTION (nap). 3.40 Marquetry.

Going: good

Draw: high numbers best up to 1m straight

2.10 JACK COLLING POLAR JEST APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,175: 6f) (14 runners)

101	(9)	022110	MONIGA 21 (D,BF,F) (Mrs D Allen) I Balding 9-7	S O'Gorman	96
102	(7)	13	DRY POINT 20 (D,G) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 8-8	Jaki Houston (7)	98
103	(2)	010555	LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 9 (D,F) (S Roots) G Lewis 8-7	R Berry (7)	98
104	(3)	5-45121	THE KINGS DAUGHTER 15 (D,F) (Mrs M Simmonds) P Cole 8-6	Dale Gibson	96
105	(13)	204-534	RESPECTABLE JONES 22 (BF) (Mrs E Weinstein) G Balding 8-1	D Tierney (7)	98
106	(4)	025-553	CRYSTAL SPRITE 22 (Wing Cmdr T Vigors) John FitzGerald 8-1	L Dettori	98
107	(12)	4100-36	JOMANA 22 (F) (M Nasher) J Fox 8-1	R Price (3)	95
108	(11)	553-	EMERALD RING 363 (D Hoult) P Makin 7-13	T Sprake (3)	86
109	(5)	2240-0	EL SOBERANO 100 (P Horgan) R Hannon 7-11	R Perham (3)	87
110	(6)	4-05425	DAMASKEEN 13 (BF) (Miss N Carroll) Mrs S Armytage 7-9	Dana Mellor	● 99
111	(1)	3000	MORGAN THE MOON 60 (B) (K Mercer) M Bell 7-7	B Doyle (7)	93
112	(8)	00-0000	ZINBAQ 25 (Mrs R Baker) C Benstead 7-7	R Morse	96
113	(10)	000014	LA BELLE VIE 15 (D,F) (R Lawson) D Wilson 7-7	D Biggs (3)	95
114	(14)	043-000	MISS BATCHWORTH 66 (Mrs D Price) C Holmes 7-7	L Newton (5)	89

Long handicap: Morgan The Moon 7-5, Zinbaq 7-3, La Belle Vie 7-3, Miss Batchworth 7-2.

BETTING: 9-2 Moniga, 5-1 The Kings Daughter, Dry Point, 11-2 Crystal Sprite, 7-1 Jomana, 8-1 Damaskeen, 9-1 La Belle Vie, 10-1 Respectable Jones, 12-1 Letsbeonestaboutit, 16-1 others.

1988: TAKENHALL 8-4 M Marshall (8-1 jt-fav) M Fetherston-Godley 18 ran

FORM MONIGA last of 11 to Young Inca, eased when beaten, in Ascot handicap (6f, good to firm) last time; previously beat Bold Habit 1l in Kempton handicap (6f, good to firm).
DRY POINT dead-heated with Mizuwari in apprentices' maiden at Pontefract (6f, good); subsequently good 1½l 3rd to Paley Prince in Newmarket handicap (5f, good to firm). CRYSTAL SPRITE creditable 2l 3rd to The Queen Of Soul in Sandown handicap (5f, firm) last time with RESPECTABLE JONES (1lb better off) hd 4th.
DAMASKEEN, led until inside final furlong, 3½l 5th to First Fastnet in Windsor handicap (5f, good to firm) last time. LA BELLE VIE beat Saluti Tutti 3l on penultimate start in Yarmouth handicap (6f, firm); subsequently fair 6¾l 4th of 15 to Liquid Asset in Doncaster handicap (7f, firm).
Selection: MONIGA (nap)

2.40 LADBROKES HANDICAP (£8,025: 1m rnd) (13 runners) BBC 2

201	(10)	33-3002	ERADICATE 32 (D,G,S) (K MacPherson) P Calver 4-9-13	J Matthias	97
202	(2)	120023	HAWWAM 20 (CD,F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 3-9-5	R Cochrane	95
203	(12)	6-02004	SINGLE 20 (CD,F,G,S) (A Lansley) W Wightman 7-9-4	Pat Eddery	● 99
204	(11)	14/440-0	DOMUS 20 (G) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) H Candy 5-9-3	W Newnes	87
205	(13)	1-33000	ARMY OF STARS 15 (F) (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-9-2	M Roberts	96
206	(1)	0-01025	HYMN OF HARLECH 20 (B,CD,F,G) (T Bulmore) D Elsworth 6-9-2	S Cauthen	94
207	(3)	004122	GRAND FRERE 17 (D,F) (R Walsworth) R Hannon 3-9-1	B Rouse	92
208	(6)	1-40515	FECAMP 29 (D,S) (Sir Gordon White) B Hills 3-8-12	M Hills	96
209	(7)	052	LADY OF THE SEA 36 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-10	W R Swinburn	89
210	(5)	010-600	PERSIAN EMPEROR 8 (V,D,F) (Mrs C Painting) R Hollinshead 4-8-10	Paul Eddery	90
211	(8)	36-3523	KREMLIN GUARD 23 (BF,F) (J Furber) J Toller 4-8-7	G Duffield	94
212	(4)	040214	POSITIVE ATTITUDE 15 (B,D,G) (K Mercer) M Bell 4-8-3	T Quinn	96
213	(9)	401226	VELTION 23 (B,BF,F) (Mrs H Cambanis) John FitzGerald 3-8-0	R Hills	96

BETTING: 9-2 Hawwam, 5-1 Single, 6-1 Fecamp, 7-1 Positive Attitude, 8-1 Grand Frere, Eradicate, 9-1 Lady Of The Sea, 10-1 Hymn Of Harlech, 12-1 Kremlin Guard, 16-1 Veltion, Army Of Stars, 20-1 others.

1988: WRETHAM 3-9-1 W R Swinburn (9-2 jt-fav) M Stoute 9 ran

FORM ERADICATE, ran on well final furlong, creditable 2½l 2nd to Sudden Love last time at Ripon (1m 1f, good). HAWWAM consistent last 2 starts in handicaps at Newmarket, in the first (1m, good) 1¾l 2nd to Awayed with FECAMP (5lb better off) 5l 5th.
SINGLE running-on 3l 4th to Sleepline Fantasy last time in Ascot handicap (1m, good to firm). GRAND FRERE was no match for easy 4l scorer Known Ranger latest in Goodwood handicap (1m, firm).
LADY OF THE SEA makes handicap debut after showing ability in maidens; last time 3l 2nd to Neseah at Haydock (1m 2f 130yd, firm).
POSITIVE ATTITUDE won Sandown handicap (1m, good to firm) defeating Full Quiver 1l with VELTION (3lb better off) another 5½l back in 6th; subsequently 6¾l 4th to Super Lunar in similar event on same course.
Selection: HAWWAM

3.10 GARDNER MERCHANT HUNGERFORD STAKES (Group III: £22,437: 7f 60yd rnd) (7 runners) BBC 2

301	(5)	0430-33	TAY WHARF 41 (G) (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-9-0	S Cauthen	85
302	(6)	21-1391	DISTANT RELATIVE 34 (C,D,F,G) (W Said) B Hills 3-8-11	M Hills	96
303	(2)	10241	GREAT COMMOTION 19 (D,F,S) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 3-8-6	Pat Eddery	● 98
304	(3)	66-1262	SILCA SUPREME 31 (F) (Aldridge Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 3-8-6	W Carson	92
305	(4)	06-4005	STONE FLAKE 58 (G) (A Williams) P Kelleway 3-8-6	W Newnes	89
306	(7)	221101	KERITA 17 (D,F) (Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-3	A Cruz	95
307	(1)	25-12	MOVIEGOER 14 (D,F) (Helena Springfield Ltd) L Cumani 3-8-3	R Cochrane	96

BETTING: 11-10 Great Commotion, 4-1 Distant Relative, Kerita, 8-1 Silca Supreme, 12-1 Moviegoer, 20-1 Tay Wharf, 33-1 Stone Flake.

1988: SALSE 3-8-9 S Cauthen (9-4 fav) H Cecil 11 ran

FORM DISTANT RELATIVE won group two event at Phoenix Park (1m, good) by 2l from Sagamore last time.
GREAT COMMOTION excellent 2½l 2nd to Shaadi, DISTANT RELATIVE (2lb worse off) ½l 3rd, in the group one Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh (1m, good) in May; last time dropped back in distance in Group III event at Newcastle (7f, firm) led throughout to beat Russian Royal 1½l.
SILCA SUPREME headed close home, beaten ½l by Thornfield Boy, latest start in Newmarket handicap (6f, good). KERITA comfortably won a listed event at Goodwood (7f, firm) on latest start, leading inside final furlong to defeat Triode ¾l.
MOVIEGOER pushed out to defeat Angel Bright 1¾l on reappearance in Leicester maiden (7f, good to firm); subsequently creditable 1½l 2nd to Guest Artiste at Newmarket (1m, good to firm).
Selection: GREAT COMMOTION

3.40 WASHINGTON SINGER STAKES (2-Y-O: £10,282: 7f str) (5 runners) BBC 2

401	(2)		AGALEION (R Whalley) P Kelleway 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
402	(4)	215	BROADWAY STAR 7 (D,BF,F) (A Dunbrell) M Bell 8-11	S Cauthen	93
403	(5)	61	KARINGA BAY 28 (F) (K Higson) Denys Smith 8-11	B Rouse	● 99
404	(1)	1	MARQUETRY 44 (D,F) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-11	Pat Eddery	98
405	(3)	580	SHAMBO 31 (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 8-11	M Roberts	71

BETTING: 5-4 Marquetry, 13-8 Karinga Bay, 9-2 Broadway Star, 10-1 Agaleion, 25-1 Shambo.

1988: ZALAZL 8-11 S Cauthen (5-2) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM AGALEION, by Esprit Du Nord, cost Fr170,000 as a yearling. BROADWAY STAR disappointing 5¼l 5th to Freddie's Star when favourite for a Newmarket handicap (7f, good to firm) last Friday.
KARINGA BAY beat the highly-regarded Contract Law a neck at York (6f, good to firm) and the latter has franked the form in group company.
MARQUETRY justified considerable market support on Salisbury (7f, good to firm) debut running out a comfortable 1l winner from Courtesy Title (winner since). Likely to improve.
Selection: KARINGA BAY

4.10 SEVEN BARROWS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,478: 6f) (24 runners) BBC 2

501	(2)	4	CACOPHANY 28 (Lord Vestey) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	77
502	(5)		CHANNOR (Unicorn Bloodstock Ltd) K Brassey 8-11	N Adams	—
503	(6)		DORADO LLAVE (K Flynn) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	—
504	(18)		FEARLESS REVIVAL (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
505	(17)		GENERALS DAUGHTER (F Kalla) A Stewart 8-11	M Roberts	—
506	(19)	6	GENTLE GAIN 25 (A Bennett) K White 8-11	G Baxter	—
507	(8)	2	GREEN'S BELLE 13 (Richard Green (Fine Paintings)) W Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond	93
508	(23)		KEEN MELODY (A F Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone	—
509	(21)	56	LA DOMAINE 48 (J Michell) C Nelson 8-11	J Reid	70
510	(10)		LOMOND LADY (J Smith) I Balding 8-11	J Matthias	—
511	(12)		LUCKY LYPHARD (Gutong Stud Ltd) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	—
512	(4)	2	MUARIJ 28 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 8-11	B Rouse	88
513	(1)		NORSTOCK (Mrs M Fairbairn) J White 8-11	L Dettori	—
514	(7)		ONCE UPON A TIME (The Queen) I Balding 8-11	Paul Eddery	—
515	(9)	35	PALACE STREET 20 (R Thompson) A Scott 8-11	Pat Eddery	● 99
516	(15)		PENCARREG (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11	P D'Arcy	—
517	(20)		PLAY THE BLUES (R Guest) B Hanbury 8-11	R Cochrane	—
518	(22)		RAZZBERRY (G Carroll) M Jarvis 8-11	G Duffield	—
519	(16)		RUBY REALM (O Zawawi) B Hanbury 8-11	P Bloomfield	—
520	(24)		SANSSONG (J Smith) John FitzGerald 8-11	R Hills	—
521	(14)		SECRET WATERS (R Crutchley) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	A Cruz	—
522	(13)		SIMPLY SPIM (Mrs R Newton) W Wightman 8-11	J Williams	—
523	(3)		SPARKLING NECTAR (C Kilroy) R Hannon 8-11	W Carson	—
524	(11)	46	WATER WELL 20 (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-11	S Cauthen	73

BETTING: 5-2 Palace Street, 5-1 Muarij, 6-1 Green's Belle, 7-1 Fearless Revival, 10-1 Lucky Lyphard, 14-1 Lomond Lady, Sparkling Nectar, 16-1 Dorado Llave, Play The Blues, Cacophany, 20-1 others.

1988: VITALITY 8-11 T Ives (20-1) I Balding 23 ran

FORM FEARLESS REVIVAL, a March filly by Cozzene, holds an entry in the Moyglare Stud Stakes. GREEN'S BELLE pulled hard, caught in the final strides when a hd 2nd to Land Afar on Newmarket (6f, good to firm) debut. Should improve.
LA DOMAINE disappointing 9l 6th to Pharaoh's Delight at Ascot (5f, firm) but the latter has since won again impressively. LUCKY LYPHARD, a March filly by Lyphard's Wish out of a smart sprinter, cost $50,000 as a yearling.
MUARIJ had CACOPHANY (same terms) 5l 4th when ½l 2nd to subsequent scorer Polar Bird here (5f, good to firm) and should appreciate the extra furlong.
PALACE STREET showed promise when 3l 3rd to Chimes Of Freedom on Newmarket (6f, good) debut; subsequently disappointing when 11l 5th to Pharaoh's Delight at Ascot (6f, good to firm) with WATER WELL 1½l further away last.
PENCARREG, by Caerleon out of a Mill Reef mare, cost Ir185,000gns as a yearling and holds plenty of big race entries.
Selection: MUARIJ

4.40 NEWTOWN MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,110: 1m 4f) (16 runners)

601	(7)	0	ARRAGUANIE 28 (L Smith) P Walwyn 9-0	N Howe	—
602	(9)	0-35	BIN DAAHIR 8 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0	G Baxter	77
603	(3)	30-5235	COSSACK GUARD 34 (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	96
604	(10)	2423	DIAMOND PATH 21 (V,BF) (Mrs R Skepper) R Boss 9-0	W R Swinburn	● 99
605	(11)	5-46	MALAMUTE SALOON 63 (M Riordan) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	94
606	(5)	042-32	MYTASKI 27 (BF) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	94
607	(1)		NEW ARRANGEMENT (J Grady) B Hanbury 9-0	B Raymond	—
608	(12)	00-0	ST VILLE 108 (Mrs D Shirley) J Bethell 9-0	L Dettori	—
609	(13)	34-	WOOTTON 297 (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0	Pat Eddery	90
610	(4)	2222	YOUNG GENERAL 10 (BF) (G Johnson) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	94
611	(8)	0	CRYSTAL SPRAY 30 (M Poland) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	—
612	(6)	60	HELEN'S SONG 39 (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	—
613	(2)	0	LA VISIR 98 (Mrs V Gaucci del Bono) J Dunlop 8-11	R Cochrane	—
614	(16)	0-64	STORMY REEF 53 (The Queen) I Balding 8-11	Paul Eddery	78
615	(14)	0	SUN ON THE SPEY 27 (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11	J Matthias	—
616	(15)	5	WISH YOU WELL 27 (R E A Bott (Wigmore St) Ltd) C Nelson 8-11	J Reid	93

BETTING: 3-1 Malamute Saloon, 4-1 Mytaski, 9-2 Diamond Path, 6-1 Bin Daahir, 7-1 Cossack Guard, 8-1 Young General, 10-1 Wootton, 14-1 others.

1988: ILE DE CHYPRE 9-0 G Starkey (8-13 fav) G Harwood 7 ran

FORM COSSACK GUARD has run well in handicap company and was far from disgraced when 4¾l 6th to Nickle Plated in the Old Newton Cup at Haydock (1m 4f, good) last month. DIAMOND PATH, consistent, neck 2nd (placed 3rd) to La Gracile at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) last time. May be suited by a shorter trip.
MALAMUTE SALOON eased when beaten when 9l 6th to Light Of Morn at Haydock (1m 2f 130yd, good) latest. Probably capable of better.
MYTASKI clear of the remainder when ¾l 2nd to debutant Scandal at York (1m 4f, firm). YOUNG GENERAL holds WISH YOU WELL and SUN OF THE SPEY on course and distance running (good to firm) when beaten a neck by Solo Act on penultimate start.
LA VISIR promising 15¾l 8th of 17 to Shoiche in a good Salisbury (1m 2f, good) maiden.
Selection: DIAMOND PATH

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	35	91	38.5	Dale Gibson	5	24	20.8
M Stoute	23	101	22.8	S Cauthen	45	227	19.8
L Cumani	8	45	17.8	Pat Eddery	51	258	19.8
J Tree	21	135	15.6	M Roberts	18	122	14.8
P Kelleway	4	30	13.3	W Carson	39	284	13.7
A Stewart	3	23	13.0	W R Swinburn	23	169	13.6

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections

By Mandarin
5.45 La Rosette.
6.15 Young Jason.
6.45 Rolfeson.
7.15 Sir Arthur Hobbs.
7.45 Welsh Mansion.
8.15 Ela-Yemou.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
5.45 Modestino.
6.15 —
6.45 Momser.
7.15 Guarantee.
7.45 Nightbourne.
8.15 Ela-Yemou.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.15 VICEROY.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good **Draw: 5f, high numbers best**

5.45 RED ROSE RADIO MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,490: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

1	(3)	30	LIMEBURN 53 (A Ward) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	81
2	(4)	3	MODESTINO 18 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	D D'Arcy (7)	—
3	(5)	0-	CAMPFIRE 330 (G Reed) C Thornton 8-11	J Bleasdale	—
4	(6)	5	GODDARD'S GIRL 39 (W Cowell) M Eckley 8-11	J Carter	—
5	(1)	4-45	LA ROSETTE 56 (R Sangster) J Watts 8-11	Dean McKeown	● 99
6	(2)		PHILJOY (C Barber-Lomax) C Elsey 8-11	K Fallon	—

BETTING: 7-4 La Rosette, 5-2 Limeburn, 7-2 Modestino, 10-1 Campfire, 20-1 others.

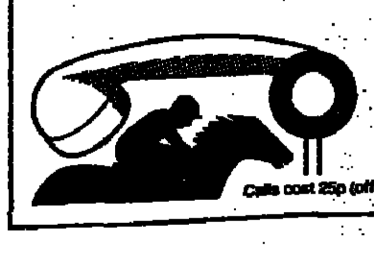
1988: TWENTY ONE RED 9-0 P Bloomfield (12-1) B Hanbury 15 ran

6.15 RACING POST HANDICAP (£4,776: 1m 40yd) (10 runners)

1	(5)	185512	YOUNG JASON 8 (D,F,G) (Mrs G Lee) F Lee 6-8-10	S Perks	96
2	(8)	594022	JOVEWORTH 4 (D,F,G,S) (D Cooper) M O'Neill 5-8-8	J Fortune (5)	97
3	(1)	021-020	SKOLERN 84 (F,G) (G Leatham) R Whitaker 5-8-8	P Barnard (5)	91
4	(9)	0-00111	YEARSLEY 13 (D,F) (I Armitage) M H Easterby 3-8-8	M Birch	95
5	(7)	144-225	HEAVENLY NOTE 36 (B,BF,F) (Lord Dundas) J Watts 3-8-4	Dean McKeown	89
6	(6)	1-0	ORAL EVIDENCE 87 (F) (W Armitage) J Etherington 3-8-2	K Darley	80
7	(2)	313530	GENAIR 7 (D,F) (N Firth) G Moore 4-8-11	K Fallon	95
8	(4)	116244	TOPEKA EXPRESS 7 (D,F) (I Oliver) C Tinkler 6-8-8	P Burke (5)	92
9	(10)	041412	URRAY ON HARRY 7 (CD,F,G,S) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 5-8-6	A Culhane	● 99
10	(3)	0-00060	MISS EMILY 4 (D,G,S) (M Hill) D Chapman 5-7-8	J Lowe	85

BETTING: 7-2 Young Jason, 4-1 Yearsley, 5-1 Urray On Harry, 6-1 Heavenly Note, 7-1 Joveworth, Skolern, 10-1 Miss Emily, Topeka Express, 12-1 others.

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

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6.45 WEST LANCASHIRE EVENING GAZETTE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,370: 1m 2f 130yd) (20 runners)

1	(16)	00-0530	SUNSET REINS FREE 87 (V,G,S) (Mrs S Russell) E Alston 4-10-0	R Fahey (7)	91
2	(9)	30-1104	SILVER'S GIRL 34 (D,S) (Haydock Exhibitions Ltd) D Moffatt 4-9-11	D J Moffatt (7)	94
3	(20)	00-1065	BALLYDURROW 6 (CD,F,G) (S Marsh) R Fisher 12-9-11	P Barnard (3)	88
4	(7)	004-421	ROLFESON 11 (F,G) (Mrs N Griffiths) B Morgan 5-9-9 (4ex)	C Hodgson (7)	88
5	(19)	030-006	VINTON VA 11 (S) (J Goodman) J H Wilson 4-9-7	S Spence (7)	83
6	(8)	06-3004	ELEGANT MONARCH 27 (P Barr) F Lee 3-9-7	R Lappin (3)	94
7	(12)	6020-03	MOMSER 9 (Mrs M Ryan) M Ryan 3-9-6	J Ryan (3)	91
8	(5)	032650	GAZETTALONG 15 (B,F,G) (Blackpool Gazette Ltd) M Tompkins 3-9-4	P Hutton (3)	● 99
9	(6)	4-03320	BRIGADIER BILL 16 (M Bailey) Mrs G Reveley 4-9-3	J Carr (3)	92
10	(4)	00-0022	INSPIRED LOVE 16 (R Griffiths) F Yardley 4-9-3	J Quinn	89
11	(1)	0-05242	GENOTIN 41 (F,G) (Mrs T Winkworth) S Mellor 6-9-2	Dana Mellor (3)	93
12	(15)	651585	NOT YET 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs V Moorey) E Weymes 5-9-1	A Culhane	90
13	(17)	40/0400-	BICKERMAN 370J (D,F,G) (B Dowling) J Spearing 6-8-13	G Husband (5)	88
14	(14)	186131	BLAKESWARE GOLD 6 (D,F) (J Hamilton) G Moore 3-8-12 (4ex)	N Kennedy (7)	88
15	(2)	206323	HEIR OF EXCITEMENT 3 (PSB (Racing) Ltd) A Stringer 4-8-10	P Burke	92
16	(13)	400030	MADAM TAYLOR 36 (D,F,G,S) (Taylors Ltd) H Collingridge 4-8-7	J Fortune (3)	93
17	(11)	052	DAISY GIRL 14 (S Taberner) J Mackie 3-8-6	G Hind (3)	94
18	(3)	533653	WINGED FOOT 10 (J Leslie) J Parkes 3-8-4	M A Giles (7)	97
19	(10)	431241	HAZY DANCER 11 (F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-8-2 (7ex)	A Munro	98
20	(18)	304232	IVOROSKI 7 (F,S) (P & I Darling) Denys Smith 7-8-1	P Dalton (7)	85

BETTING: 7-2 Rolfeson, 5-1 Hazy Dancer, 8-1 Momser, 10-1 Genotin, Blakesware Gold, 12-1 Daisy Girl, 14-1 Gazettalong, Heir Of Excitement, 16-1 others.

1988: CHEERFUL TIMES 5-8-5 P Barnard (10-1) K Ivory 19 ran

7.15 WIGAN EVENING POST NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,236: 5f) (7 runners)

1	(3)	225441	BRISAS 14 (D,F) (B Cann) T Fairhurst 9-7	Dean McKeown	96
2	(6)	2061	SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 11 (D,F) (J Hardman) F Lee 9-4 (5ex)	S Perks	90
3	(2)	1153	THURBER 6 (D,G,S) (Lt-Col. R Warden) M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch	● 99
4	(7)	11204	NUCLEAR EXPRESS 14 (D,G,S) (P Clark) J Berry 9-0	J Carroll	97
5	(4)	3134	NAUTY VICKI OYSTON 9 (D,G) (Danwis Ltd) J Berry 8-4	A Bacon	91
6	(5)	60032	GUARANTEE 20 (B) (A Richards) C Brittain 8-1	J Lowe	97
7	(1)	033230	HUNKY DORIUS 7 (B) (Red Rose Racing Plc) J H Wilson 7-7	G Bardwell	90

Long handicap: Hunky Dorius 7-3.

BETTING: 5-2 Brisas, 3-1 Nuclear Express, 4-1 Thurber, 6-1 Sir Arthur Hobbs, 10-1 others.

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

7.45 SWAN WITH TWO NECKS CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,784: 1m 40yd) (9 runners)

1	(8)	103210	HERCLE 4 (D,G,S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds Plc) N Tinkler 9-8	Kim Tinkler	—
2	(9)	020016	WELSH MANSION 4 (V,D,F) (J Ackam) C Tinkler 8-9	M Birch	89
3	(2)	3604-0	BURTONWOODS BEST 58 (B) (J Abbey) W Haigh 8-6	S Webster	85
4	(4)	004	NIGHTBOURNE 34 (A Baker) M Tompkins 8-5	P Hutton (5)	86
5	(5)	302160	GOTT'S DESIRE 37 (F) (Gott Foods Ltd) J Berry 8-4	J Carroll	98
6	(6)	1-00000	HELEN RED 20 (V,F) (Mrs J Peers) A Hide 8-4	Dean McKeown	83
7	(1)	00-0600	PREPOLLO 11 (T Scotthern) E Weymes 8-3	NON-RUNNER	93
8	(3)	300030	FISTFUL OF BUCKS 9 (B) (R Schimmel) E Eldin 7-13	A Mackay	● 99
9	(7)	0	KATICA 36 (Mrs D McCain) D McCain 7-13	J Fortune (5)	—

BETTING: 3-1 Nightbourne, 7-2 Welsh Mansion, 4-1 Gott's Desire, 6-1 Hercle, 8-1 Burtonwoods Best, 12-1 others.

1988: MEINE VONNE LADY 8-13 J Carroll (5-2) J Berry 12 ran

8.15 LIVERPOOL ECHO AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,616: 5f) (10 runners)

1	(7)	112	VICEROY 13 (D,BF,F) (Hambleton Thoroughbred Racing) W Pearce 9-6	D Nicholls	● 99
2	(8)	1520	FALCONS DAWN 27 (D,S) (A Stannard) M O'Neill 8-11	J Fortune (5)	90
3	(10)	05123	ELA-YEMOU 13 (F) (Winning Post Racing Ltd) C Allen 8-8	R Morse (5)	94
4	(5)	5	DODGER DICKINS 87 (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-6	S Perks	—
5	(9)	13533	MEGAN BLAZE 13 (D,F) (M Jackson) J Hetherton 8-4	M Birch	91
6	(1)	8	TRES AMIGOS 67 (N Peacock) D Chapman 8-4	C Campbell (7)	—
7	(6)	332	MADELEY'S PET 11 (BF) (J Madeley) Denys Smith 8-3	P Dalton (7)	90
8	(3)	0122	FINAL SHOT 14 (D,BF,F) (I Bray) M H Easterby 8-2	J Lowe	91
9	(4)	03222	ECHO PRINCESS 25 (Liverpool Daily Post and Echo Ltd) J Berry 8-1	J Carroll	83
10	(2)	40	REDNET 11 (Miss N Theeger) D Chapman 7-11	A Munro (3)	71

BETTING: 3-1 Final Shot, 4-1 Viceroy, 5-1 Ela-Yemou, 6-1 Megan Blaze, 7-1 Echo Princess, 9-1 Falcons Dawn, 10-1 others.

1988: TIME TO GO HOME 8-8 A Culhane (Evens fav) R Hollinshead 8 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Harwood	13	53	24.5	J Carter	3	14	21.4
M Tompkins	7	36	19.4	G Starkey	9	53	17.0
J Watts	13	80	16.3	J Carroll	9	71	12.7
C Brittain	10	78	12.8	Dean McKeown	8	68	11.8
C Thornton	4	35	11.4	A Mackay	6	55	10.9
M H Easterby	19	170	11.2				

(Only qualifiers)

Trainers pledge 'substantial' wage rises for stable lads

By Graham Rock

The National Trainers' Federation intends to restructure its negotiating machinery with stable lads, in future recognizing one union only, and it has promised a "substantial" rise in wages next year, which will inevitably lead to increases in training fees.

Sandy Landale, an industrial relations consultant employed by the Federation, explained yesterday that both unions involved, the TGWU and the SLA (Stable Lads' Association) had been given three months notice of the change to the arrangements and within two weeks they would be required to give details of their membership to the Electoral Reform Society.

At present they collectively represent only 14 per cent of 5,500 stable lads and the union with the higher membership will be recognised officially. The SLA has the stronger representation and has agreed to the new procedure but the TGWU, which organized the last stable lads' strike in 1974, wants to retain the status quo.

Stable employees will still be able to belong to any union and there will be no attempt to make union membership a condition of employment.

However, the proposals met with a hostile reception from Christine Stafford, the TGWU organiser for stable staff. "The NTF is clearly worried about the increasing effectiveness of trade union organisation in this multi-billion pound industry," she said. "At a time when the racing industry desperately needs to resolve problems of staffing and recruitment, this move will seriously undermine and destabilize industrial relations."

The NTF recognize that, with 25 per cent fewer school leavers in 1993, the industry will be facing a labour shortage and it wants to make the career prospects more attractive. In addition to a higher minimum wage, presently £116.57 per week, trainers also want the industry to have a higher profile and are producing a video for schools and employments centres.

Trainers will also enhance training within the industry by increasing the role of the British Racing School and they will be examining the Youth Training Scheme to see if it can benefit recruits.

The trainers also said that they were examining ways of creating a formal career structure for staff so that experience and performance might be rewarded.

While minimum wage agreements have been in force since the NTF negotiating committee was set up in 1975, they are difficult to police. Stable staff are wary of reporting defaulters to the Jockey Club for fear of being blacklisted.

The Jockey Club, in welcoming the increase in wages and improvements in training, said that it could only act against trainers who failed to pay minimum agreed terms if cases were reported.

The aims of the NTF are laudable but trainers made it clear yesterday that they want a greater proportion of racing's public money, collected from punters and distributed by the Levy Board, to go towards prize-money, therefore enhancing the prospects for owners of making their racing pay. "It is our opinion that any owner who wins three bottom-tier races should cover a year's training fees," Mr Landale said.

If trainers want prize-money increases to make racing cheaper to owners they are suggesting in effect that punter's money should be used to subsidise training bills, a notion which will find scant sympathy among Sir Ian Trethowan and his colleagues.

It is the responsibility of owners to ensure that stable staff, indirectly their employees, are properly rewarded.

Jockey Club names chief executive

Christopher Haines has been appointed to the newly-created position of Jockey Club chief executive. He will take up the position on October 2.

Haines, aged 50, served as a major in the Rifle Brigade before pursuing a business career in the sugar and soft commodity industries. He describes himself as "a very amateur rider", having competed in the Far East and in this country in point-to-points.

"I am obviously delighted to accept the appointment of Chief Executive of the Jockey Club and I'm looking forward to it with great enthusiasm," Haines said yesterday. "At the moment I am winding up my affairs at the office and will take a holiday in Scotland before taking up my new role in October."

The intention to appoint a chief executive was announced by the Jockey Club last December after a two-year review of its structure, procedures and future methods of operation.

The climate was right, the Jockey Club felt, to appoint a fully-salaried executive as a reflection of the increasing workload and complexity of racing's administration.

The precise role of the chief executive within the Jockey Club will be defined shortly.

Cauthen reaches century milestone

Steve Cauthen registered his one hundredth winner of the season when Bella Cove won the Whitchurch Stakes at Salisbury yesterday beating Digression, the even money favourite, by two lengths.

The former champion trimmed down to 8st 8lb but still had to put up 1lb overweight on Ron Boss's colt, who now tackles group company in the Imry Solario Stakes at Sandown Park next week.

Cauthen then went on to complete a double on Platinum Dancer, who drew six lengths clear in the final furlong of the *Racing Post* Maiden Auction Series Stakes. The jockey told winning trainer Paul Kelleway that six furlongs is too short for the filly, and she may now be aimed at the final of this series — over seven furlongs — at Newmarket in early October.

Apprentice Russell Price is starting to make an impact and completed a 164-1 double, his second of the season, on Great Gusto and Acrow Line.

Great Gusto's trainer David Thom told Price in no uncertain terms that the gelding would win the Netton Apprentices' Handicap, and he was absolutely right, the 14-1 shot beating Court Town three lengths.

It was only after that win that Robert Armstrong's apprentice was engaged by Jimmy Fox to partner Acrow Line in the Violet Applin Challenge Cup Handicap. Intended jockey Lee Newton was held up in traffic and, although Price put up 6lb overweight on the gelding, the partnership was still too good for the top weight Charden, ridden by Cauthen.

Warning for Banstead Manor

Warning will be retired to his owner Khalid Abdulla's Banstead Manor Stud in Newmarket at the end of this season. Syndication details have yet to be announced.

The four-year-old, a son of Known Fact, has won eight of 14 career starts, including the Sussex Stakes and the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes last season. However, he has won only once from four outings this season, a clear-cut victory in the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot.

He is reported to be well after a disappointing run behind Zilzal in this year's Sussex Stakes with an attempt at a repeat win in Ascot's Queen Elizabeth II Stakes a probable autumn objective.

PLUMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.25 The Gannochy. 2.55 Carpet Capers. 3.25 Pale Star. 3.55 Arastou. 4.25 Reedling. 4.55 Brinkwater.

Going: hard

2.25 JEVINGTON NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,436: 2m) (4 runners)

1		LOVELY WONGA 39F D Wilson 10-9	P Scudamore	
2		NIKLAS ANGEL 20F C Allen 10-9	G McCourt	
3		SCANNER LAD 18F (B) J Bennett 10-9	M Bowlby	
4	3	THE GANNOCHY 6 (B) N Henderson 10-9	R Dunwoody	

4-6 The Gannochy, 9-4 Niklas Angel, 4-1 Lovely Wonga, 10-1 Scanner Lad.

2.55 STREAT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,310: 2m) (5)

1	0F-2	CARPET CAPERS 9 (CD,F) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-12-0	R Goldstein
2	300/	JAMES STANLEY 431F M Bolton 5-11-7	B Powell
3	552-	POWER REIGNS 5F P Butler 4-10-10	P Verling (3)
4	03-4	GABISH 2 (B,BF) R Hoad 4-10-8	—
5	0PP-	BLANDELL BEAUTY 9F R Hoad 5-10-0	M Hoad (7)

9-4 Power Reigns, 3-1 Carpet Capers, 7-2 Gabish, 11-2 James Stanley 7-1 Blandell Beauty.

3.25 BERWICK NOVICES CHASE (£1,848: 2m) (3)

1	F0-P	DREAM MERCHANT 13 (F,S) R O'Sullivan 7-11-8	D O'Sullivan (7)
2	000/	NO DEFECT 2272F M Bradstock 10-11-6	B Powell
3	040-	PALE STAR 4F J White 7-11-1	D Morris

11-10 Pale Star, 7-4 No Defect, 3-1 Dream Merchant.

3.55 TED BENFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,611: 2m 4f) (3)

1	120-	ARASTOU 13F (BF,G) Miss B Sanders 6-12-0	Dale McKeown
2	24F-	HETTINGER 125 (C,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 9-11-9	R Goldstein
3	42-5	MARTINSMOON 11 (F) W Turner 4-11-7	P Holley (5)

8-11 Arastou, 5-2 Hettinger, 4-1 Martinsmoon.

4.25 WITCH AT LINDFIELD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,436: 2m) (9)

1	6BU-	ANOTHER SEASON 10F A Moore 5-11-0	G Moore
2	0/5-	MARLEY MONARCH 108F D Grissell 5-11-0	H Davies
3	60-	PRINCE ZAMARO 30F M Madgwick 5-11-0	T Grantham
4	P0-	TOWER SIDE 112 Sir Christopher Wates 5-11-0	Gee Armytage
5		LUSTY LAD 10F M Haynes 4-10-11	R Dunwoody
6	FU0-	REEDLING 6F G Enright 4-10-11	M Perrett
7	50F-	SINGLE SHOOTER 11F R O'Sullivan 4-10-11	P Scudamore
8		MISS QUIZZIE R Champion 6-10-6	M Lynch
9	00P-	YA MUNA 109F J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-6	Penny Ffitch-Heyes

2-1 Reedling 11-4 Another Season, 7-2 Prince Zamaro, 6-1 Marley Monarch, 10-1 Miss Quizzie, 12-1 others.

4.55 PLUMPTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,108: 2m) (3)

1	P10-	O K SON 109 (CD,F) M Bolton 10-11-10	R Goldstein
2	/U2-	BRINKWATER 79 (G) J White 13-11-5	D Skyrme (7)
3	PF-3	LEGAL SUGAR 8 (D,F,S) P Jones 11-11-3	W Humphreys (3)

5-4 O K Son, 2-1 Brinkwater, 4-1 Legal Sugar.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: N Henderson, 11 winners from 34 runners 32.4%; J White, 3 from 16, 18.8%, R O'Sullivan, 9 from 49, 18.4%, P Jones 6 from 38, 15.8%, Miss B Sanders, 4 from 26, 15.4%, D Grissell, 14 from 93, 15.1%.

JOCKEYS: D O'Sullivan, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; M Bowlby 4 from 15, 26.7%, Dale McKeown, 18 from 74, 24.3%, P Scudamore 8 from 49, 16.3%, R Goldstein, 31 from 208, 14.9%; Penny Ffitch-Heyes, 15 from 106, 14.2%.

Yesterday's afternoon results

Salisbury

Going: good to firm

2.0 (1m) 1, GREAT GUSTO (R Price, 14-1); 2, Court Town (R Perham, 7-2 fav); 3, Concert Pitch (S Davies, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Ponard (4th), 6 Irish Ditty (6th), Wise Times, 7 Vanishing Spirit, 12 Melody Lane, 16 Change Wear, Briery Fille (5th), 20 Manoushka, Deep Taw, 33 Week St Mary, Blonde Bella. 14 ran. 3l, 4l, 2l, ¾l, 2l. D Thom at Newmarket. Tote: £14.40; £3.90, £2.10, £3.20. DF: £41.40. CSF: £61.52. Tricast: £573.16. 1min 43.23sec.

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, FLAMINGO POND (Pat Eddery, 9-4); 2, Wrapping (T Quinn, Evens fav); 3, Power Take Off (W Carson, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Familiar (4th). 4 ran. 1l, 3l, 3l. J Tree at Beckhampton. Tote: £3.40. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.83. 2min 08.06sec.

3.0 (1m 6f) 1, ACROW LINE (R Price, 10-1); 2, Charden (S Cauthen, 7-2 jt-fav); 3, Simply Swell (R Hills, 7-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Vassal, 4 Shoe Tapper, 8 Moments Joy (4th), 20 Blenders Choice (6th), 33 Littleton Lullaby (5th), 50 Head Of Defence. 9 ran. 2l, 6l, 1l, 2½l, 20l. J Fox at Amesbury. Tote: £12.40; £2.20, £1.50, £1.40. DF: £24.00. CSF: £42.20. Tricast: £135.11. 3min 02.58sec.

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3.30 (7f) 1, BALLA COVE (S Cauthen, 12-1); 2, Digression (Pat Eddery, Evens fav); 3, Front Line Romance (B Raymond, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Ienshaar (6th), 9 Gotcher (5th), 10 Smokey Native (4th), 25 Arbitrageur, 50 Cheveux Mitchell. 8 ran. 2l, 2l, 2l, 3l, 2l. R Boss at Newmarket. Tote: £8.70; £1.80, £1.40, 32.00. DF: £9.60. CSF: £25.90. 1min 27.81sec.

4.0 (6f) 1, PLATINUM DANCER (S Cauthen, 13-8 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Solo Court (W Newnes, 10-1); 3, Applianceofscience (Pat Eddery, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Nicquita (4th), 7 Leenan Bay, 9 Slip-A-Snip, 10 Albedo, 14 Bingo Bongo (6th), 16 Moving Force, 25 Gordano, 33 Colsan Boy, Orleans Girl (5th), Chilterns, Night Follows Day. 14 ran. NR: Savo, Buff's Express. 6l, 1½l, sh hd, 1l, 2l. P Kelleway at Newmarket. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £3.60, £2.40. DF: £24.50. CSF: £22.32. 1min 14.66sec.

4.30 (1m) 1, SERIOUS TROUBLE (G Duffield, 30-100 fav); 2, Bryant (J Reid, 7-1); 3, Royal Assignment (P Cook, 100-30). 3 ran. 2½l, sh hd. Mark Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.67. 1min 45.76sec.

Placepot: £47.90.

Newton Abbot

Going: firm

2.15 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, Pomatum (M Bosley, 5-1); 2, Sever Arch (11-4 fav); 3, Guarena (7-1). 10 ran. 4l, 12l. J Bosley. Tote: £6.40; £1.80, £1.30, £2.80. DF: £8.70. CSF: £18.92.

2.45 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, Valtaki (W McFarland, 3-1); 2, Brown Bear Boy (3-1); 3, Comtec Prince (10-1). Tiarum 6-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Borvecall. 4l, sh hd. J Baker. Tote: £4.40; £2.20, £2.20. DF: £7.10. CSF: £12.50. Tricast: £73.08. Bought in 4,400gns.

3.15 (2m 5f ch) 1, Walnut Way (P Scudamore, 5-4 fav); 2, Danny's Luck (9-4); 3, Just Blake (11-1). 9 ran. 10l, 8l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £1.50, £2.40. DF: £4.40. CSF: £4.85.

3.45 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, Dawn Love (Gary Lyons, 6-4 fav); 2, Sakr (9-4); 3, Under The Stars (14-1). 7 ran. Sh hd, 8l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.60; £1.70, £1.70. DF: £5.60. CSF: £6.23.

4.15 (3m 2f 100yd ch) 1, Ferocious Knight (N Dawe, 5-2); 2, Jolst (2-1); 3, Foot Stick (6-4 fav). 4 ran. 5l, dist. Miss J Thorne. Tote: £4.40. DF: £4.10. CSF: £7.78.

4.45 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, Shadeux (P Scudamore, 1-3 fav); 2, Red Brewster (10-1); 3, Haight O'Battle (3-1). 4 ran. 30l, 6l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.20. DF: £3.10. CSF: £4.32.

Placepot: £153.80.

Wednesday's late results

Fontwell Park

Going: hard

7.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Riyadh Lights (M Furlong, Evens fav); 2, Space Lab (8-11 fav). 2 ran. 2½l. J Sayers. Tote: win £1.70.

7.45 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Forestdale (H Davies, 5-2); 2, Smithfield (1-3 fav). 2 ran. 25l. NR: Line Of Gold. Sir Christopher Wates. Tote: £2.30.

8.15 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Rialan (M Perrett, 3-1); 2, Zamore (4-9 fav); 3, Commander Carver (10-1). 6 ran. 1½l, 30l. G Enright. Tote: £4.50; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £1.80. CSF: £5.07.

Placepot: £203.60

● Tommy Craig, the Scottish trainer, was fined £150 by the Jockey Club yesterday after it was discovered that Mans No Angel, second in the Newbattle Selling Handicap at Edinburgh on July 3, had not been correctly vaccinated. The horse was disqualified.

● Richard Fahey, who tied with Stuart Turner and Derek Byrne for the conditional jockeys' championship last National Hunt season, has proved his versatility by picking up the Northern Apprentice of the Month Award for July.

Blinkered first time

NEWBURY: 2.10 Morgan The Moon. 2.40 Persian Emperor. 4.40 Diamond Path. HAYDOCK PARK: 6.15 Heavenly Note. 6.45 Gazettalong. 7.15 Guarantee. 7.45 Welsh Mansion.

Stubbs fined £100 for two offences

Bill Stubbs, the Newmarket trainer, was fined £100 by the Jockey Club yesterday after admitting breaking the rules regarding the running of two of his horses.

Anglointernational was entered for the *Racing Post* Auction Series Stakes at Lingfield on May 13 by Stubbs's wife, who was not an authorised agent of the filly's owners. Stubbs was fined £50 for the offence.

Stubbs was also fined £50 after it was discovered that Alamdar, the winner of the Tolhouse Selling Handicap at Yarmouth on June 6, had not been correctly vaccinated.

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CRICKET: WORCESTERSHIRE TAKE ADVANTAGE AS BAD WEATHER HAMPERS THE EFFORTS OF THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP RIVALS

Emburey enjoys a great day on an old-fashioned pitch

By Tony Winlaw

CHELTENHAM: Middlesex, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 306 runs ahead of Gloucestershire

There was the rare sight of a pitch providing sharp turn after some heavy overnight rain had crept under the covers at Cheltenham College yesterday. And Middlesex had just the bowler, in John Emburey, to take full advantage.

He recorded the best figures of his 17-year career by taking seven for 27 in 14.3 overs as Gloucestershire were dismissed for 122.

The pitch dried out in the afternoon and Middlesex built convincingly on their first innings lead of a hundred. There was some more batting of high quality by Gatting, in an innings of 35, and another promising half-century by Roseberry, which dashed Gloucestershire's hopes of getting back into the game.

Emburey had gained his season's best figures of six for 38 in the previous match, against Somerset at Weston-Super-Mare. But his previous best return, of seven for 36, against Cambridge University at Fenner's, was achieved as long ago as 1977.

After half an hour's delay for the ground to dry at the start, Emburey opened the bowling and with his second ball had Butcher caught at mid-wicket. Williams soon had Athey well caught by Gatting, the second of five slips, and, at 54 for five, Gloucestershire still required another 19 runs to save the follow-on.

That able reserve wicketkeeper and night watchman, Tedstone, played a gallant part in reaching that mark but the manner of his dismissal, caught on the long-on boundary by Ramprakash for 12, proved controversial.

In catching the ball Ramprakash fell on the boundary boards. There was many a home voice of disapproval around the ground when Tedstone was given out and play was held up as umpire Whitehead departed to the secretary's caravan. The decision was duly confirmed under Law 32, that a fieldsman "may touch or lean over the boundary board in completing the catch".

The follow-on was saved before Emburey struck again in taking the last three wickets for just one run off 10 balls. Even with such a lethal weapon at their disposal Middlesex might well have done even better with another spinner to call on.

Gloucestershire were to prove the value of having two spinners. Although Graveney bowled four maidens in his first five overs he did not get the same bounce as Emburey, so Athey was fortunate to have Lloyds in reserve.

The off-spinner took two wickets in his first two overs but any thoughts of a Gloucestershire revival were soon dismissed by Gatting, who drove Jarvis off his legs for a perfectly timed six and, with two cover drives, took 14 runs off the over.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 222 (M W Gatting 110 not out).

Second Innings

J D Carr c Jarvis b Lloyd	22
D L Haynes b Lloyds	24
*M W Gatting c Lloyds b Graveney	35
M R Ramprakash c Athey b Graveney	21
M A Roseberry c Bainbridge b Walsh	51
†P R Downton b Lloyds	10
J E Emburey b Walsh	16
N F Williams not out	6
S P Hughes not out	3
Extras (b 10, lb 4, w 1, nb 1)	16
Total (7 wkts)	206

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-47, 3-111, 4-120, 5-166, 6-190, 7-193.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright c Roseberry b Allcock	2
I P Butcher c Carr b Emburey	21
J W Lloyds c Williams b Emburey	19
†G A Tedstone c Ramprakash b Emburey	12
*C W J Athey c Gatting b Williams	2
K M curran c Williams b Emburey	0
P Bainbridge c Roseberry b Emburey	24
M W Alleyne c Hughes b Emburey	29
C A Walsh c Ramprakash b Emburey	3
D A Graveney c and b Allcock	0
K B S Jarvis not out	4
Extras (nb 6)	6
Total (38.3 overs)	122

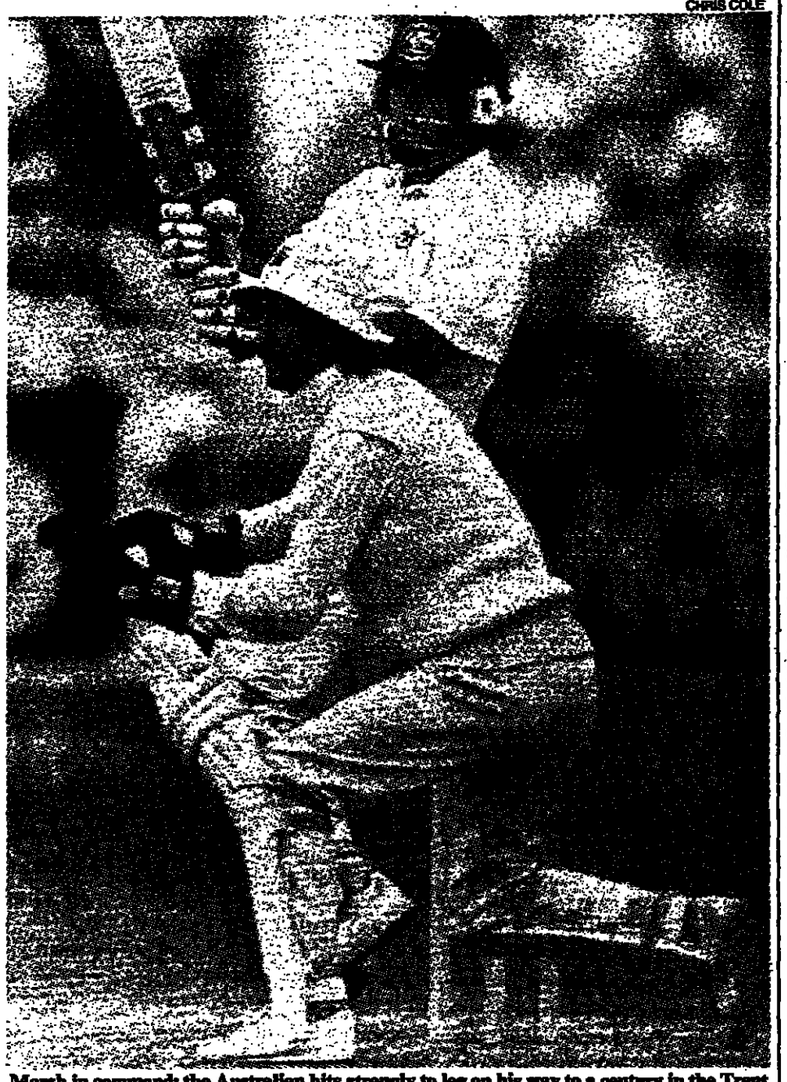
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-42, 3-43, 4-51, 5-54, 6-69, 7-114, 8-117, 9-118.

BOWLING: Allcock 11-1-42-2; Cowans 7-1-28-0; Emburey 14.3-2-27-7; Williams 6-0-17-1; Hughes 1-0-10-0.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 4, Middlesex 5.

Umpires: D O Oslear and A J T Whitehead.

CHRIS COLE



Marsh in command: the Australian hits strongly to leg on his way to a century in the Trent Bridge Test yesterday as Russell waits in vain for a mistake. Match report, page 36

BOWLS

Perfection under pressure keeps Middlemast ahead

By Gordon Allan

Ian Middlemast, the losing finalist in the national singles championship 12 months ago, advanced to the last 32 in the Bournemouth Open tournament at Meyrick Park yesterday. He beat Russell Kemp 21-20 and Mike Harley 21-13.

The sun came out after torrential rain, subtly changing the speed of the green as the day went on and testing the adaptability of all concerned. Middlemast had a narrow escape against Kemp who, at 20-18, held the winner, with three Middlemast bowls inches away, and a blocker on both hands guarding the approaches to the head.

Middlemast, who had the last bowl, played with weight between the blockers, judging the line perfectly, displacing the shot and leaving himself with the three he required to win. Few pressure shots will be played better here this week.

Harley, a local man, fell 0-9 behind and came back well. But Middlemast, the more accurate player, declined to get himself into bother again, and looks a fair bet for the final tomorrow.

John Serle, the runner-up last year, lost to Ian Jefferies in the third round. Peter Line and Jim Morgan are the only past winners to have qualified for the fifth round.

SINGLES: Fourth round: P Line (Athertey) 21, T Perkins (Bath) 9; N Smith (Boscombe Cliff) 21, A Higman (Saltash) 13; G Harkins (Ringwood) 21, G Baker (West Row) 8; I Danford (British Rail) 21, P Seymour (Chesham) 17; F Elsey (Marlborough) 21, B Powell (Pontrhydyfen) 16; P Cosey (Brampton Institute) 21, G Lingwood (NBC) 12; W Hayward (Preston Middlemast (Bath) 21, M Harley (Electric) 13; J Smith (Cranleigh) 21, I Crook (Worksop Park) 19; G Moses (Hollingbury) 21, A Meadins 17; D Lambert (Amesbury) 21, T Richards (Cradley) 8; A MacAvley 21, R Webb (Old Dean) 4; J Morgan (Barry Athletic) 21, R Cowling (Barry Athletic) 16; D Watson (Crookston) 21, A Cloughton (Pirrie Park) 18; J Bonser (Hathwaite) 21, M Osborne (Topsham) 18; G French 21, R Alford (Southampton SC) 13; A Larkin 21, C Ridett (Shanklin) 20; A Bray (Jersey) 21, I Jefferies (Rodbourne) 16; R Shelley (Athertey) 21, W Corless (Highway) 18; S Butler (Electric) 21, P Hopper (Bournemouth) 18; D Le Marquand (Jersey) 21, J Stephens (Shelly) 19; N Connor (Chippenham) 21, D Dyett (Preston Manor) 17; W Hayward (Preston Manor) 21, D Brown-ian (Broxbourne) 13; D Billings (Wooding Dean) 21, G Link (Swanmore) 11; A Atkinson (Southport) 21, M Harrison (Holgate) 13; D Snell (Wootton Bassett) 21, J Bullock (Waverley) 18; J Sullivan (Shoreham) 21, P Bryce (Beccehe Cliff) 11; N Mansell (Ealing) 21, M Ward (Balderton) 16; T Ashbridge (Bournemouth) 21, T Haywood (Escrick) 12; P Anderson (Kodak) 21, R Shelley (Athertey) 13; B Taylor (Banwell) 21, P Hobday (Portsmouth) 6; K Bailey 21, G Alford (Southampton SC) 8.

Anton defeated as leading names fall

By David Rhys Jones

The four-wood singles, which is regarded as the premier event of the Liverpool Victoria English Womens Bowling Association championship, got under way at Royal Leamington Spa yesterday, though some of the singles matches had to be delayed because several competitors were engaged in the fours.

The opening round produced several surprises, with the quick dismissal of the two-wood champion, Catherine Anton, of Peterborough, and the triples champion last year, Anne Erridge, of Boneham, Buckinghamshire, and the former England player, Gloria Thomas, of Helston.

Anton, aged 24, went out to a local player, Lilian Hawkins, of Snitterfield, 21-12; Erridge, who is with her England colleague, Mary Price, in the fours, lost to Jasmine Cole, of Harlin Recreation, 21-8; Thomas fell to her 1981 world championships colleague, Eileen Fletcher, of Poole Park, 21-19.

Fletcher made the most of her win in a tough first-round match, and won her next round, against Winifred Redfern, of Ilkeston, Rutland, 21-5 in only 16 ends.

Among the favourites who survived was the runner-up in the two-wood singles, Edna Bessel, of Yeovil, the 1985 England champion, Ena Clarke, of Countesthorpe, and the 1986 Commonwealth Games singles champion, Wendy Line, of Southampton.

Bessell beat Pamela Hood, of Norwich, County Arts, 21-15, and because of a clash with the fours will have to wait until 8.30am today to play her second round. Clarke beat Joyce Smith, of Broadstone, 21-17 and overwhelmed Pauline Proud, of Westlands Aerospace, Isle of Wight, 21-2. Line beat Jean Carder, a secretary from Surrey, 21-6, but her second round, like Bessell's, has been delayed.

RESULTS FROM LEAMINGTON SPA

Fours

FIRST ROUND: Chedville Bristol (E Clarke) 19, Westlands Cowes (F Listers) 18; Bicester (P Linforse) 20, Bristol St Andrews (P Snell) 18; Street (S Nicholls) 29, Crediton (D Richards) 18; Kersey Vale, Launceston (N Gilbert) 25, Wigston Magna (S Burfoot) 17; County Arts Norwich (M Woods) 22, Rawtey (A Young) 18; Shepherds Bush (B Lines) 18, Malvern Victoria (J Scriven) 23; Heaton Hall Manchester (L Pilkington) 11, Farnham (C Wessler) 25; Kingsway Hove (D Whittingham) 19, County Arts Norwich (B Annison) 8; Kettering Lodge (A Wright) 19, Alfreton (J Hill) 20; Kingsbridge Park, Devon (M Wellington) 27, Royal Parade, Eastbourne (M Weston) 11; Liberty of Havering (E Smith) 18, Burton House, Boston (J Cammack) 12; Kingston Hereford (D Sergeant) 14, Yatton, Somerset (N Reid) 23; Tromridge Westbourne (M Pimperneil) 9, West Cornwall (V Ireland) 35; Broadstone, Dorset (J Smith) 13, Appleby, Cumbria (A Loughlin) 20; Holmsley Yorkshire (P Wilson) 28, GEC(AE), Rugby (E Cresswell) 17; March Conservatives (S Clifton) 18, Bedford (B Keech 22; Belgrave Leicester (J Freeman) 14, Burtle House, Boston (M Hewitson) 23; Medway Socks, Maidstone (S Wesson) 20, Greenhill-Addlestury, Ocon (A Neal) 14; March, Cambridgshire (J Liversedge) 4, Otley, Suffolk (J Farrow) 34; West End Swindon (P Coard) 16, Keswick (M Watson) 21; Bolton (A Coulbourne) 19, Dowdon and Cockton, Wolverhampton (L Pratt) 14; Leominster (E Brunnell) 22, Heaton Park, Durham (B Hume) 12; Reading (D West) 12, Woking (S Sadler) 28; Burnham (M Price) 31, Townsend St Albans (J Fowler) 14; Rayleigh, Essex (E Schooling) 16, Mansfield Colliery (N Poole) 20; Alnwick (A Daley) 20, Milton Park, Southsea (R Darling) 14; Kingsthorpe, Northants (S Dimmick) 22, Felixstowe and Suffolk (E Symms) 21; Herts, Watford (J Kilby) 21, Malcombe Regis, Weymouth (S O'Hlorne) 14; Rugby Thornfield (A Gilder) 20, Borough Park, Redcar (B Alderson) 16; Shanklin (P Sherwood) 16, Tonbridge (J Campbell) 21; Ropner Park, Stockton (N Shaw) 23, South Derbyshire (D Orme) 14; Beech Hill, Luton (W Thomas) 18, Cosham, Hants (C Lloyd) 19.

SECOND ROUND: Mansfield Colliery 25, Tostman 12; Alnwick 29, Cheshire 10; Bicester 18, Felixstowe 27; Street 21, Kersey Vale 9; Herts, Watford 18, County Arts 15; Malvern Victoria 17, Farnham 15; Kingsway 25, Alfreton 23; Kingsbridge Park 21, Liberty, Havering 22; Yatton 17, West Cornwall 22; Appleby 4, Helmsley 27; Bedford Women 18, Burton House 22; Medway Sox 10, Otley 24; Keswick 18, Bolton 18; Leominster 28, Wilking 8; Burnham 24, Rugby Thornfield 20; Tonbridge 12, Ropner Park 19.

Singles

FIRST ROUND: E Clarke (Countesthorpe) 21, J Smith (Broadstone Dorset) 17; J Sale (Gickleton) 10, P Proud (Westlands Cowes) 21; M Tiss (Whipmarsh) 21, J Hasten (Bolton) 11; P Strong (British Rail Lincoln) 8, G Hunter (Upminster) 21; S Fotter (Oxford C and C) 12, B Bescroft (Fulbourn, Cambridge) 21; D Prior (Hewett Redditch) 10, D Woodley (Penhill, Swindon) 21; W Lisle (Southampton) 21, J Carder (Ewell) 8; W Redfern (Weston Rutland) 21, M Shepherd (Wantage) 10; G Thomas (Helston) 19, E Fletcher (Poole Park) 21; L Hawkins (Snitterfield, Warwickshire) 21, C Anton (Peterborough) 12; K Martin (Bexhill) 21, J Erridge (Boneham, Buckinghamshire) 15; G Thomas (Helston) 21, A Cloughton (Pirrie Park) 19; M Osborne (Topsham) 21, M Cole (Framlingham) 21; I Sanders (Wilton, Wiltshire) 40, M Ellis (Oxford C and C) 21; J Cleat (Wheatley Hill, Durham) 4, D Cotton (Bromsgrove) 21; S Hackett (Leominster) 15, E Lucas (Brandy Green) 21; J Browning (Liverpool) 7, J Chapman (Sandy Town) 21; L Wilmot (Woodley, Reading) 21, A Haw (Bent Keech, York) 17; G Jackson (British Rail Scunthorpe) 19, B Johnson (Ropner Park, Stockton) 21; S Wilis (Seahouses, Northumberland) 21, P Gravener (Electrolux, Luton) 19; P Pearce (Rottingdean) 18, D Farman (Tonbridge) 21; C Theadon (Crediton) 21, J Fowler (Townsend St Albans) 15; P Bray (Kettering Lodge) 21, P Littlechild (Checkon) 11; J Rolfe (Desborough, Herts) 8, O Freestone (Derby, Leics) 21; Y Newson (Peterborough) 5, D Boutle (FSL Roade, Northants) 27; E Bowe (Workington) 18, J Lee (Gloucester) 21; J Price (Burnham on Sea) 14, A Russell (Leominster) 21; P Hood (County Arts, Norwich) 15, E Bessell (Yeovil) 21; M Shuttleworth (Pontefland, Northumberland) 21, B Alderson (Borough Park, Redcar) 9; D Rogers (Bristol St Andrews) 13, J Baker (Alfreton) 21; J Wells (Belgrave, Notts) 18, P Milton (Haverhill) 21; A Erridge (Burtheas) 8, J Cole (Harling, Norfolk) 21; J Burbage (Edmondes, Carlisle) 21, J Mawson (Heaton Hall, Manchester) 9; M Kimpton (Totland Bay, IoW) 9, J Skea (Northolt) 21.

SECOND ROUND: Chapman 21, Wilmot 13; Hunter 21, Bescroft 15; Boutle 5, Lee 21; Totton 21, Logan 15; Clarke 21, Price 2; Wells 13, Woodley 21; Redfern 5, Fletcher 21.

Pederson passed fit

Jan Pedersen, the Danish international speedway rider, has declared himself fit to race in Sunday's Inter-Continental final after proving his fitness in a practice session earlier this week.

Essex thwarted as rain restricts proceedings

By Ivo Tennant

COLCHESTER: Northamptonshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 349 runs behind Essex

Essex must still be feeling they are being victimized. First the Test and County Cricket Board penalized them for poor pitch preparation at Southend; now, having built up a sizeable total on Wednesday, it rained almost continuously yesterday.

While there was cricket everywhere else, Essex managed to bowl just eight overs. There was nothing until 2.55pm, and half an hour later they were off for bad light. Then it rained again, hard enough for there to be nothing more. The forecast is not encouraging for them, being for further squalls today.

One wicket fell, that of Walker, the Northamptonshire bowler who had opened as nightwatchman the previous evening.

ESSEX: First Innings 391 for 6 dec (P J Prichard 128, G A Gooch 75).

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

G Cook not out	13
A Walker c Garnham b Foster	7
*W Larkins	12
Extras (lb 9, nb 1)	10
Total (1 wkt, 12 overs)	42

A Fordham, R J Bailey, D J Capel, D J Wild, N A Felthem, A Roberts, †D Ripley and W W Davis to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-17.

Bonus points: Essex 4, Northamptonshire 2.

Umpires: R Palmer and M J Kitchen.

Neale takes the right option

By Jack Bailey

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are seven runs behind Worcestershire

Phil Neale, the Worcestershire captain, chose the more adventurous and, as it turned out, the more productive of his options when he declared with full batting points but only 62 runs lead over Somerset, when he and Rhodes were in confident possession of the crease.

The 25 overs he gave his bowlers reaped a useful harvest. Roebuck, Harden and Tavaré have all departed, the ball is prone to keep low at one end and Worcestershire are very much in the box seat. For this, more than anything else, they have to thank a fine innings by Hick. His bowling may yet be a factor if the weather holds.

So much has been written of Hick that one hesitates to add to it for fear of repetition, but this was an innings where all his qualities were on display. It was not an easy pitch on which to score quickly, yet he not only achieved a fair tick, but did so effortlessly. His first four scoring strokes all went for four, two of them little more than delayed forward defensive pushes which whistled past mid-off.

Hick stands straighter, seizes the ball earlier, plays later and times the ball more sweetly than anyone on the county circuit. He experienced some bother with Marks, bowling at a dampish patch where the covers had let in some of the heavy overnight rain. Marks made Hick think and defend for a while until, on the stroke of lunch, he slipped in a long hop. Hick aimed to despatch the ball into a nearby park, but it barely left the ground and he was leg before. "That's ruined my afternoon," one spectator said. "Yes," another replied, "but it was a memorable morning."

Hick shared in partnerships of 70 with McEwan, the nightwatchman and a promising young cricketer, and 60 with D'Oliveira. His 72 took just over two hours and included 11 fours. D'Oliveira has struck a rich vein and his half century was a fluent innings. With Neale and Rhodes he ensured that Worcestershire gained a comfortable lead.

Leatherdale had missed out, being undone by a shooter from Roebuck. It was some consolation that soon after Somerset embarked on their second innings, the base of Roebuck's off stump was struck by McEwan; but not much.

SOMERSET: First Innings 240 (P M Roebuck 99, R J Harden 59; S R Lampitt 4 for 80).

Second Innings

S J Cook not out	28
P M Roebuck b McEwan	6
R J Harden c D'Oliveira b Lampitt	15
C J Tavaré b Hick	1
H R J Trump not out	0
Extras (b 4, nb 3)	7
Total (3 wkts)	55

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-47, 3-50.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

P Bent lbw b Rose	30
C M Tolley c Roebuck b Rose	23
S M McEwan lbw b Mallender	26
G A Hick lbw b Marks	72
D B D'Oliveira lbw b Mallender	52
*P A Neale not out	44
D A Leatherdale b Roebuck	12
†S J Rhodes not out	30
Extras (lb 8, nb 6)	14
Total (6 wkts dec, 98.5 overs)	302

S R Lampitt, R K Illingworth and G R Dilley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-55, 3-125, 4-185, 5-229, 6-248.

BOWLING: Jones 14-2-57-0; Mallender 21-2-62-2; Marks 25-4-81-1; Rose 14-3-42-2; Trump 15.5-4-38-0; Roebuck 7-2-14-1.

Bonus points: Somerset 4, Worcestershire 8.

Umpires: B Dudleston and A A Jones.

Catching is a habit for Hegg

By Richard Streeton

CHESTERFIELD: Lancashire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 82 runs ahead of Derbyshire

This match provided an unusually full measure of entertainment yesterday. Derbyshire benefited with late runs from unexpected quarters as they recovered from a poor start. DeFreitas collected six wickets and Hegg set a Lancashire wicketkeeping record with seven catches.

Fiery spells from Bishop and Base brought Derbyshire three wickets when Lancashire went in again with 27 overs left. Adams took two brilliant catches at third slip and Fairbrother had his middle stump uprooted. In addition, Jesty retired with back trouble.

Perhaps the most important contribution has come from someone not on the scorecard i.e. the groundsman. A lively pitch has provided pace and bounce that has always been consistent and ensured an even contest between bat and ball. Doxey Walker — the unusual first name is not unknown in Derbyshire — is the local council's groundsman at Queen's Park. He has clearly found an elixir that could be transposed to several other county grounds.

Derbyshire looked in real trouble at 83 for four after DeFreitas had a spell of three for nine during his first 10 overs. He bowled with control and movement to dismiss the upper crust of Morris, Barnett and Sharma.

Morris turned an inswinger straight into square-leg's hands; Barnett and Sharma both stretched forward and edged outswingers to the wicketkeeper. Hegg had already caught Bowler overnight. Barnett's dismissal was straightforward but Hegg had to move a long way to his right to scoop up a low chance to send back Sharma.

O'Gorman and Adams, two of the new school of Derbyshire batsmen, launched the fightback with a stand of 111 in 25 overs but both were given lives. O'Gorman was eventually legbefore to Wasim Akram playing back and the Pakistan fast bowler got one to lift and had Adams caught behind off a glove. At this point Derbyshire were still 20 runs short of averting the follow-on and Hegg tasted the other side of fortune's favours by missing Maher.

It proved a costly miss as Maher settled down to defend and helped Newman add 107 in 34 overs for the seventh wicket. Newman played a succession of sound strokes as he made his best score since his solitary career century here four years ago.

DeFreitas claimed the last three wickets, Hegg taking his sixth and seventh catches, the last against Jean-Jacques being the best of the lot. Hegg is the first Lancashire wicketkeeper to hold seven catches in an innings and shares the county's record for dismissals with Bill Farrimond, who caught six and stumped one against Kent at Old Trafford in 1930.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 372 (N H Fairbrother 161, G Fowler 86; M Jean-Jacques 4 for 99).

Second Innings

G D Lloyd c Adams b Bishop	5
N J Speak c Adams b Base	8
G Fowler not out	19
*N H Fairbrother b Base	17
T E Jesty retired hurt	4
I D Austin not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 3)	9
Total (3 wkts)	64

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-17, 3-51.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Hegg b DeFreitas	42
P D Bowler c Hegg b Watkin	4
J E Morris c Speak b DeFreitas	16
R Sharma c Hegg b DeFreitas	7
T J G O'Gorman lbw b Wasim	39
C J Adams c Hegg b Watkin	78
†B J M Maher c Hegg b Watkin	38
P G Newman not out	22
I R Bishop c Hegg b DeFreitas	8
M Jean-Jacques c Hegg b DeFreitas	1
S J Base lbw b DeFreitas	6
Extras (lb 13, w 1, nb 16)	30
Total (89.3 overs)	304

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-68, 3-69, 4-83, 5-194, 6-213, 7-310, 8-328, 9-332.

BOWLING: Watkin 28-0-103-4; DeFreitas 29.3-5-116-6; Austin 17-2-62-0; Wasimeon 7-2-39-0; Fitton 8-1-30-0.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 3, Lancashire 3.

Umpires: K E Palmer and D S Thompsett.

Cut-price forward

Tony Morrison, Oldham rugby league club's transfer-listed forward, is to join Swinton for £8,000, despite an initial £15,000 price rating. The clubs have still to reach agreement on the method of payment.

Finedon loses status as Sunday venue

Northamptonshire have dropped Finedon from their list of Refuge Assurance League venues because the pitch was marked as poor for the Sunday match against Nottinghamshire last month (Michael Austin writes).

Finedon was first used four seasons ago and Steve Coverdale, the Northamptonshire secretary-manager, said yesterday: "It is especially unfortunate because games there have been lucrative. We hope to return in the future, but at the moment we are talking to several other clubs about the possibility of staging a Sunday game."

Nicholas throws down the gauntlet to Lloyd

By Geoffrey Wheeler

The Hampshire captain, Mark Nicholas, made a challenging declaration at Bournemouth yesterday in an attempt to make up for the loss of 56 overs to rain and in the light of an unpromising weather forecast for today.

Plan A must have been to score 300 as quickly as possible, pick up the maximum batting points and bowl Warwickshire out even more cheaply than in their first innings, when they were dismissed for 229.

This had to be abandoned when play was not started until 3pm and with the Warwickshire bowlers in general and Donald in particular giving little away, Nicholas called his batsmen in at 103 for five. Donald, who had Terry and Middleton caught behind, took his total of wickets for the season to 68. Nicholas was caught in the deep shortly before the declaration.

Warwickshire made 24 without loss before the close with their captain, Andy Lloyd, in a position to dictate the terms of play today, weather permitting.

The Australian Tony Dodemaide's best bowling for Sussex put them in a strong position against Leicestershire at Eastbourne, where play was uninterrupted. After an innings of 53 by Whitaker had hinted at better things, Leicestershire collapsed from 141 for five to 167 all out as Dodemaide swept through the tail to finish with five for 77 and earn his side a first innings lead of 91.

A second bright knock from Martin Speight and yet another half-century from Alan Wells had put Sussex 224 ahead by the close.

At Canterbury, which also escaped the rain, Monte Lynch showed that his long absence from the Surrey side had not tempered his aggressive tendencies. He made 27 in 12 overs during a stand with Alec Stewart which produced 40 runs for fourth wicket against Kent. Lynch broke a leg playing football before the start of the season and has been sadly missed.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Kent v Surrey

CANTERBURY: Kent, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 60 runs ahead of Surrey

KENT: First Innings 346 (N R Taylor 116, R F Pienaar 51; A J Murphy 5 for 94).

Second Innings

S G Hinks not out	11
N R Taylor not out	5
Extras	0
Total (no wkt)	16

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell b Igglesden	8
R I Alikhan c Marsh b Penn	33
†A J Stewart lbw b Kelleher	67
G P Thorpe c Hinks b Penn	4
M A Lynch lbw b Igglesden	27
*I A Greig c Penn b Fleming	69
J D Robinson c Marsh b Kelleher	10
K T Medlycott lbw b Penn	17
N H Peters b Dobson	15
M P Bicknell not out	18
A J Murphy not out	5
Extras (b 4, lb 5, nb 12)	21
Total (9 wkts dec, 98.3 overs)	302

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-62, 3-70, 4-110, 5-208, 6-226, 7-248, 8-259, 9-294.

BOWLING: Igglesden 25-3-74-2; Penn 24-3-85-3; Kelleher 21-5-61-2; Fleming 14-6-27-1; Dobson 6.3-2-21-1; Cowdrey 6-1-25-0.

Bonus points: Kent 8, Surrey 8.

Umpires: J H Harris and B Hassan.

Hants v Warwicks

BOURNEMOUTH: Warwickshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 150 runs ahead of Hampshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 229 (Asif Din 57, G W Humpage 51).

Second Innings

A J Moles not out	7
R G Twose not out	11
Extras (lb 5, nb 1)	6
Total (no wkt)	24

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry c Piper b Donald	12
C L Smith c Piper b Benjamin	4
K D James lbw b Munton	19
T C Middleton c Piper b Donald	0
*M C J Nicholas c Benjamin b Smith	22
J R Wood not out	25
M D Marshall not out	5
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 2)	6
Total (5 wkts dec, 51.2 overs)	103

†R J Parks, R J Maru, C A Connor and P J Bakker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-30, 3-32, 4-60, 5-91.

BOWLING: Donald 12-4-21-2; Benjamin 18-7-21-1; Munton 15.2-2-43-1; Smith 6-3-15-1.

Bonus points: Hampshire 4, Warwickshire 4.

Umpires: J D Bond and R A White.

Sussex v Leics

J J Whitaker c Pigott b Donelan	53
P Willey c Speight b C M Wells	2
L Potter c A P Wells b C M Wells	4
P N Hepworth lbw b Dodemaide	17
†P A Nixon not out	24
W K M Benjamin c Dodemaide b Donelan	1
J P Agnew c Salisbury b Dodemaide	10
L B Taylor b Dodemaide	0
P M Such c Moores b Dodemaide	1
Extras (b 4, nb 2)	6
Total (79.2 overs)	167

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-83, 3-74, 4-100, 5-117, 6-141, 7-142, 8-161, 9-161.

BOWLING: Pigott 18-5-30-0; Dodemaide 28.2-5-77-6; C M Wells 17-7-29-3; Salisbury 2-1-8-0; Donelan 16-6-19-2.

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GOLF: UNHAPPY LYLE'S RYDER CUP TROUBLES DEEPEN AS A YOUNG AUSTRALIAN STEALS THE SHOW

True colours shown by indomitable Hughes

By John Hennessy

Bradley Hughes hit a 10-under-par 62 on his debut in the PGA European Tour, in the first round of the Benson and Hedges tournament at Fulford yesterday, equalling the record set by Ian Woosnam in 1985.

With a few players still out on the course, the Australian, aged 22, lead by two strokes from Gordon Brand jun and his countryman, Peter Senior. Sandy Lyle, who scored a 77, is left almost at the tail of the field, in his last tournament before the Ryder Cup.

Hughes, the Australian Rookie of 1988, won his third tournament, the West Australian Open, an achievement which caused scarcely a ripple of interest in this country. He failed "quite comfortably" to qualify for the Open and appears at Fulford only by invitation of the sponsor.

Disregarding two rounds of the Glasgow Gailes before the open, and "finishing third of three" in the Doug Sanders Youth Tournament in Aberdeen in 1984, this was his first competitive round in Britain.

Yesterday he used a cross-handed grip on his putter, a style he readopted only last Sunday. "I used to use it before," he said. "But people laughed at me, so I changed. I'm the one who's laughing now."

Hughes is a sturdy fellow from Melbourne, 5ft 9in tall and 13 stone in weight. He needed a driver only four times in yesterday's ideal conditions and not once on the three long holes, which yielded him birdies.

He went out in 32, four under par, and built up to a blistering pace from the 11th. He then achieved four consecutive birdies and added two more over the last four holes. His long putt for an eagle three at the last pulled up six inches short.

Earlier Brand had provided an absorbing contrast to Lyle, one of his playing partners. When there was a spring in Brand's step Lyle become thoroughly disenchanted as the inward nine unwound. He had struggled to the turn in 37, still only one over par, and dropped only one more to the 12th, but a hushed gallery watched in dismay as he dropped three shots at the 13th.

Like Brand, he was in the ditch by the green, but in three rather than two, having had to chip out of a bush, and he took four more rather than three when his chip ran six feet past.

Even so, Lyle could offer some brave words afterwards. "My confidence is shot to pieces," he said. "But the Ryder Cup is different. I like match-play. I could take 10 and it wouldn't matter. I would drag them down to my level and hit them near the end." This, remember, is the current world match-play champion speaking.

LEADING SCORES: (British and Irish unless stated) 62: B Hughes (Aus). 64: G Brand jun; P Senior (Aus). 65: J-M Cañizares (Sp). 66: M McNulty (Zim); B Norton (US); G J Brand; M Mackenzie; E Dussart (Fr); R McFarlane. 67: D Cooper; M Moreno (Sp); R Hartman (US); M Moulend; B Gallacher; D Smyth; J Haas (US). 68: C Parry (Aus); J O'Leary; A Jacklin; P Baker; B Evans; M Jonsson (Swe); H Baiocchi (SA); P Mitchell, D Feherty; J Jacobs (US).

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	412	4	10	185	3
2	486	4	11	514	5
3	189	3	12	321	4
4	488	4	13	478	4
5	167	3	14	175	3
6	551	5	15	443	4
7	416	4	16	353	4
8	371	4	17	359	4
9	486	5	18	480	5
Out		3,497	36 in	3,310	36

Total yardage: 6,807 Par: 72



Greg Norman crosses the bridge at the 17th hole at the US PGA Championship at Kemper Lakes, Chicago, which began yesterday. Tournament report, page 36

Robinson stays ahead despite seven at 15th

Sara Robinson survived a triple-bogey seven at the 355-yard 15th to add a 76 to opening rounds of 72 and 74 and take a five-shot lead over Joanne Morley and Katie Tebbet into the final round yesterday in the English women's stroke-play championship at Hollinwell.

Robinson, from Cheshire, was level par when she left the 14th green. Her troubles at the 15th stemmed from a drive hit left and a five-iron dragged into gorse. She chose to drop out under penalty and then needed three putts.

LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES: 222: S Robinson (Heswall), 72, 74, 76. 227: J Morley (Sale), 78, 77, 74; K Tebbet (Gullane), 77, 76, 74.

Torrance putter likely to face official probe

The extra-long putter that Sam Torrance has made popular this season could come under scrutiny at a meeting between officials of the United States Golf Association and the Royal and Ancient in Atlanta, Georgia, next week.

The discussions are likely to take place during the Walker Cup match between Great Britain and Ireland and the United States at Peachtree.

It seems unlikely, however, that the putter, more than 48 inches long, which Torrance tucks under his chin and operates like a pendulum, would be banned at this stage.

Apart from its length, the club conforms to the rules in all other respects, with the shaft attached to the head at an angle.

This type of putter first came to attention in America and is operated with great success by seniors (players aged over 50) such as Orville Moody and Harold Henning.

Torrance, after a dismal run on the greens in 1988, began using one in April.

Ken Schofield, the executive director of the PGA European Tour, who is attending the US PGA Championship at Kemper Lakes for the first time this week, said that what might be considered next week was a restriction on the length of club that can be used when dropping the ball.

Brooks clinches third title of the season

Colin Brooks, aged 24, clinched his third important title of the season on the Tartan Tour when, having twice finished runner-up, he won the Scottish under-25 championship at Deer Park, Livingston, yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

Brooks, the assistant at Grangemouth, returned closing rounds of 70 and 71 to earn the winner's cheque of £1,000 with a 13-under-par aggregate of 275.

"It was a bit of a sweat but it is good to have finally lifted the title," he said. He was pushed all the way by his playing partner, Gary Collinson, and Colin Gillies, from Glenbervie.

Brooks, who won the Northern Open and Scottish Assistants' titles earlier in the season, was three shots ahead at the start of play, but had his lead cut to one by both Collinson and Gillies with five holes left.

However, Gillies dropped a shot at the par-three 16th, and with Collinson unable to pick up a birdie over the closing stretch, par figures were enough to give Brooks the title.

LEADING SCORES: 275: C Brooks (Grangemouth), 65, 69, 70, 71. 276: G Collinson (Windyhill), 68, 69, 69, 70. 277: C Gillies (Glenbervie), 67, 72, 68, 70. 284: M McLaren (Longniddry), 70, 71, 70, 73. 285: P Girvan (Erskine), 75, 69, 68, 73. 286: J White (Normandy DR), 69, 72, 72, 75. 288: P Terras (Dundee), 75, 74, 72, 68; A McCloskey (Airdrie), 72, 75, 70, 72; P Lawrie (Banchory), 71, 76, 71, 71. 291: A Farrow (Haga Castle), 73, 78, 71, 71; W Guy (Buchanan Castle), 72, 72, 70, 77.

EQUESTRIANISM: FIRST TITLE FOR FRANCE AS BRITAIN LOOK TO NATIONS' CUP

Continentals pip Turi in speed challenge

From a Special Correspondent, Dublin

Patrice Delaveau won the Irish Dairy Board speed challenge to give France her first victory at the Kerrygold Dublin Horse Show yesterday, ahead of Achaz von Buchwaldt, of West Germany, the winner of the speed class here on Wednesday.

Joe Turi, riding the eight-year-old Waysider, was the first of the nine to go clear in the jump-off, but his time of 1min 19.16sec was not fast enough for him to retain the lead, and he finished third.

David Broome, on Lotus, and Nick Skelton, on Burmah Major Wager, also had clear rounds, but with slower times.

The French are likely to pose one of the strongest threats to Britain's success in the Nations' Cup for the Aga Khan Trophy today. However, because none of the teams here except the Irish are fielding their top horses, the competition will be wide open.

The four riders in the British team are Nick Skelton (Burmah Grand Slam), John Whitaker (Next Gammon), David Broome (Queensway Lannegan) and Joe Turi (Country Classics Vital).

There had been concern earlier in the week that Vital had lost form after his good performance in the Hickstead Derby on Sunday, and he knocked himself in the puissance yesterday.

The puissance, which was sponsored by the European Community, was won outright by John Ledingham, of Ireland, with Kilcoltrim, who cleared the wall at 7ft 1in. The other Irish rider through to the fourth and final round, Harry Marshall, would have shared the honours with Ledingham had he not fallen off his horse as he landed from the wall.

There was a popular win in the National Mutual hunter championship, when the international event rider, Hilda Buller, rode her father's middleweight gelding, Woodbridge, to take the supreme award.

RESULTS: Irish Dairy Board speed challenge: 1, P Delaveau (Fr), Polydore, 0ft, 1min 11.88sec; 2, A von Buchwaldt (WG), Lausbub, 0, 1:16.57; 3, J Turi (GB), Waysider, 0, 1:19.16; 5, D Broome (GB), Lotus, 0, 1:23.82; 6, N Skelton (GB), Burmah Major Wager, 0, 1:31.91. EC Puissance: 1, J Ledingham (Ire), Kilcoltrim; equal 2, R Arnold (G) Lord Plaid Lagan Bridge and B Mommens (Bel), Colombo. National Mutual supreme hunter championship: Winner, Woodbridge (A W Buller); reserve: Ballynesty (M Coleman). Heavyweight: Champion, Emerald Square (R F and Z McElligott); reserve, Heiston (S H Jellett). Middleweight: Champion, Woodbridge; reserve: Kilmeedon (T J Quigley). Lightweight: Champion, Ballynesty; reserve, Brownish (A W Buller).

Puckeridge survive a close-run contest

By a Special Correspondent

The Puckeridge Hunt, from Hertfordshire, gave a sparkling display of jumping to win a close-run the pony club annual team championship at Hickstead yesterday, with a zero score.

A refusal by Samantha Cook's Sunhill Question Mark at the eighth fence was all that stood in the way of Ashford Valley, from Kent, from also achieving a zero score and forcing Puckeridge to jump off.

The final round of the 1989 Country Classics Conservatories Junior School championship produced plenty of drama in the final round, which was held in the international arena.

The Alton Convent team, from Hampshire, looked unbeatable with a score of eight faults for two riders. Then Katherine Smith's Happy Go Lucky failed to live up to his name, and put in a stop at the first part of the double.

That left St Nicholas's School, Harlow, in the lead, but Kiri Hendly's Bella Donna slipped up on the wet surface to incur 11½ faults. Another of the top convent schools was then in the lead: St Leonard's of Mayfield, winners in 1981 and 1982, needed a clear round to win and they looked like getting it until Victoria Simpson's Clonross Kismet refused at the first part of the double. So Ashford, Kent, took the title.

The senior schools' championship was won by Wellington, Somerset, with a zero score, with Farlington, from Horsham, greatly cheered on by its many local supporters, in second place after having a fence down. Farlington did win the style prize, however, it being presented to Lucy Jennings, who is short-listed for the forthcoming European three-day championship.

RESULTS: Pony Club championships: 1, Puckeridge Hunt (S Morgan, Mistrit; C Gale, Tricorn; H Morgan, Tudor's Game; E Shepherd, Rambler), 0ft; 2, Ashford Valley (S Povey, Winters Tale; S Cook, Sunhill Question Mark; McLaughlin, Mermaid; S Pomroy, Fiddle, Hobbyhorse), 8; 3, North Norfolk (C Lillwall, Flight of Fortune; N Mills, Troy; C Jewson, Sundowner; A Taylor, Jackaroo Boy), 4. Junior Schools' championships: 1, Ashford, Kent (L McLaughlin, Mermaid; E Broderick, Mistral Gamin Pie; A Winslow, In the Pink), 22; 2, Abbey, Barlos (H Riddle, Hobbyhorse; P Gulliver, Gray Mist; D Main, Abbi), 23; 3, St Leonard's, Mayfield (R Le May, Erinus St Nicholas; E Shoesmith, Golden Tingle; V Simpson, Clonross Kismet), 24½. Senior Schools' Championships: Wellington, Somerset (C Waterman, Sapphire Jewel; A Miller, Mawood Gemeas; E Miller, Go Well Pinocchio), 0; Farlington, Horsham (K Atkinson, Bertie Barton; G Harwood, Baby Bodge; Jennings, Diamond Padge), 4; 3, Ashford, Kent (A Young, Hannah's Wen; L Jeanes, Gustro Illusion; J Middleton, Cristal Cabaret).

MOTOR RACING

New priority for McNish

Allan McNish has turned down a chance to test drive for the Williams Formula One team to concentrate on securing the British Formula Three championship this year.

The Dumfries driver is provisionally back in the championship lead pending an appeal against an 18-point deduction.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good

8.0 (7f) 1, Hot Performer (N Connorton, 6-4 fav); 2, Mummy's Fox (9-1); 3, Song Of Gymernik (10-1). 14 ran. hd, 2l. T Fairhurst. Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £3.10, £2.50. DF: £8.90. CSF: £15.94.

6.30 (1m 4f 40yd) 1, Phasen (M Birch, 3-1); 2, Far Glow (4-5 fav); 3, Circuit Ring (10-1). 5 ran. NR: Star Storm. 4l, sh hd. F Durr. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £1.10. DF: £1.90. CSF: £5.77.

6.55 (8f) 1, Sandmoor Jacquard (J Lowe, 8-1); 2, Macs Maharanee (100-30); 3, Sharp Anne (7-4 fav). 7 ran. 1½l, 1½l. M H Easterby. Tote: £5.20; £3.10, £1.30. DF: £10.20. CSF: £31.92.

Uttoxeter

Going: firm

6.0 (2m hdle) 1, Masons Avenue (G McCourt, 11-8 fav); 2, Lile Peerage (6-1); 3, Whitehouse Glen (11-2). 9 ran. NR: Hixon Girl. Nk, 4l. N Tinkler. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £2.40, £1.90. DF: £12.90. CSF: £9.27.

6.30 (2m ch) 1, Miss Lawsuit (K Burke, 11-4); 2, Coral Harbour (2-7 fav). 2 ran. 1½l. J White. Tote: £2.30.

7.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Temple Reef (J Lower, 2-11 fav); 2, Hydro Electric (14-1); 3, Foreign Knight (11-2). 3 ran. NR: Yorkbay, Sorority. 3l, 7l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.20. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.85.

FOOTBALL

New League president to be tested to the full

By Peter Ball

With the future of plastic pitches, the ever contentious allocation of television money, and a proposal to revert to a 22-club first division all on the agenda, the extraordinary general meeting of the Football League is not short of important issues this afternoon. One, however, stands out: the election of a president.

With the withdrawal on Wednesday of Ian Stott, there are four candidates: Bill Fox, of Blackburn Rovers, Gordon McKeag, of Newcastle United, Robert Chase, of Norwich City, and Doug Ellis, of Aston Villa. Whoever wins, it is not too much to say that, at a time when football is desperately in need of leadership, it is possibly the most important election in the history of the Football League.

Fox, who is the most experienced candidate and who would undoubtedly provide forceful leadership, is thought to be the narrow favourite, with support which includes a sizeable chunk of the first division. Chase has the support of some of the leading first division clubs, but may not reach far enough outside that group to get a majority and McKeag is seen in some quarters as a likely compromise candidate.

The system of voting, with the bottom candidate dropping out at each stage, can leave potential winners at their most vulnerable in the first round, which makes predictions worthless.

The new president will be tested to the full. In the aftermath of Hillsborough, and with the Government's identity card Bill drawing ever closer and the League still in some danger of tearing itself apart as the interests of big and small clubs diverge ever more sharply, the first task — imposing some direction and ensuring that the League speaks with one voice — will be formidable.

Almost immediately, the president will be faced with the problem of restructuring the League, a price exacted by the big 10 as a price for staying within the League just over a year ago, and also with the connected job of sorting out the new position of chief executive.

CANDIDATES FOR THE POST

WILLIAM FOX: Aged 60. Retired millionaire potato merchant and haulage contractor. Chairman Blackburn Rovers 1982, elected to management committee 1986. Blunt, sometimes abrasive Lancastrian, with sharp humour, the natural inheritor of the bluff northern businessmen who used to run football so successfully in more confident days. A great passion for the game, and concern for its future.

GORDON McKEAG: 60. Solicitor. Former Northumberland county rugby and squash player. Son of former lord mayor of Newcastle and United's chairman. Chairman Newcastle 1988. Elected to management committee 1986. Articulate, great personal charm, but with a stubborn streak — a series of heart by-pass operations have made no difference to his workload. Fears that he has his hands full coping with the savage political in-fighting at Newcastle may tell against him.

DOUG ELLIS: 65. Millionaire former travel agent, now full-time chief executive at Aston Villa. Chairman Aston Villa 1982 (third time), elected to management committee 1988. Very much a "hands-on" chairman at Villa, where his business acumen shows in last year's profit of £1.7 million, based on commercial activities, and in one of the finest stadiums in the country. Fans, however, believe his influence on the football side has been less healthy, tracing Villa's decline after winning the championship and European Cup in 1981 and 1982 to his return.

ROBERT CHASE: 51. Millionaire builder and property developer. Chairman Norwich City 1985, elected to management committee 1988. Said to be ruthless, the manner of his replacement of Sir Arthur South at Norwich was widely admired, but his dismissal of the universally popular Ken Brown was much less so. Quick to make his presence felt on the management committee, nominating the head hunters who have drawn up the short-list for the chief executive post, and has won the support of the influential Liverpool chairman, John Smith.

Some influential voices, including Chase and the Liverpool chairman, John Smith, now believe that someone from outside in the Beeching, McGregor or Michael Edwardes mould is necessary to give the direction the League so desperately lacks.

The idea, however, horrifies many people who care about the game, and I believe that Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, might even allow himself to be drafted to prevent such an outcome, always providing a compatible president is elected this afternoon.

Today's other issues are important enough in themselves. Unless there has been a sudden change of heart, and there was no sign of one yesterday, the compromise worked out at last month's first division meeting at Villa Park should stand on the allocation of television money. A proportion of the 8.3 per cent increase on the original £11 million a year contract — to counter inflation — will be set aside to pacify clubs not selected for a live game.

Outlawing plastic pitches, whether completely, as in the management committee's proposal, or just in the top two divisions, with a concession for associate member clubs, which are the basis of amendments proposed by Oldham Athletic and West Ham United, will be more contentious. But, despite the inevitable indignant squawks from Luton Town, there seems little doubt that the days of artificial surfaces at the highest level are, happily, numbered.

The proposals by Crystal Palace to revert to a 22-club first division, with either the second division following suit or remaining at 24 clubs, are equally vital for the game's future. Yet, typically, it has involved far less passion than the allocation of television money, so far at least. Fortunately, there were indications yesterday that it will not be decided on the nod, and of all issues it is undoubtedly one that can and should wait for consideration by the new chief executive and a restructuring committee — when those both come into existence.

Norwich owe debt to Chase

By Gerry Harrison

Robert Chase, aged 51, chairman and leading shareholder of Norwich City, is not the best known of the four candidates for the Football League presidency, which will be decided at the extraordinary general meeting today. A millionaire builder, he is certainly the most secure financially. He is also the fastest rising star in football politics after only seven years as a director and four as club chairman.

He is a moderate by persuasion, a heavyweight in action, who has pulled Norwich round from debts of more than £2 million into a profitable, attractive team that has already attracted £800,000 in pre-season ticket sales, another record.

There are also plans for a 26-acre training and accommodation site and the bold intention of moving the ground from what is a prime development site.

Robert Chase left school at 15, with no qualifications except as a debater. "Chase, don't work too hard," his headmaster called after him as he marched thankfully out into the world. He has been a workaholic ever since. By the age of 23, he had bought 12 acres of land and was building 150 houses there and elsewhere. He was on his way to a fortune, buying out his builder father in the process.



Chase: in the ascendancy

His 7-to-11 routine, including regular weekend commuting to a family home in Spain, allows him time to chair the county police committee of a force with a budget of £44 million, presently appointing a chief constable; and take the chair of the property panel of the regional health authority, which is deciding where to build a hospital in the Newmarket-Cambridge-Huntingdon area.

In those committees and at the club, where each member of staff has received precise terms of reference and job accountability, written by the chairman, nobody is in any doubt about the Chase presence or energy.

He first made his mark on the club board by taking responsibility for negotiating players' wages, after the club had been relegated, successfully keeping Dave Watson and Chris Woods and then selling them for a combined £1,650,000 after promotion.

"I haven't missed a game, home or away, in any competition since I have been chairman" he said. "But although I like to be involved, I know my place. I never travel on the team coach and I go into the dressing-room twice a season — before the first game and after the last.

"I have disagreed with David Stringer only once. That was over the sale of Kevin Drinkell. A £800,000 offer for a 28-year-old with two years to go on his contract was too good to refuse.

"As for the presidency, I believe I have something to offer, because of my experience in and out of football — but so have the other candidates. The immediate issues? Appointing a chief executive, taking account but not capitulating to the needs of the bigger clubs, the right approach to membership and letting the public know we mean business and that we will look after them.

"I was lucky enough to be nominated by John Smith, of Liverpool, the most successful and respected of club chairmen," Chase said. "All elections can turn on the day but with support like that, I must have a chance."

Operation keeps Davis sidelined for six weeks

By Dennis Signy

Paul Davis, the Arsenal and England under-21 international midfield player, had an operation yesterday to have a cyst removed from a thigh injury that has restricted him to eight first-team appearances since Christmas. He will miss the FA Charity Shield against Liverpool at Wembley on Saturday and will be out of action for at least six weeks.

Davis said last weekend that he was in pain from the injury, but doctors had advised him to train on. "That pain can be pretty unbearable at times," he said, adding that one of the things that kept him going was Bobby Robson's indication that he might stay as part of England's set-up for the World Cup when he was free from injury.

Chelsea were yesterday ordered to pay £630,000 for Alan Dickens, the former West Ham United midfield player, more than twice the £300,000 they offered. A transfer tribunal at Villa Park, including Lawrie McMenemy, the former Sunderland and Southampton manager, and Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, also ordered that Chelsea pay 20 per cent of any profit on that sum if Dickens was transferred on to another club. West Ham had asked £800,000 for Dickens, who began his career at Upton Park and has only played in the first division in his career.

● Colin Cooper, Middlesbrough's England under-21 full-back, will miss the start of the season after failing to recover from the foot injury that troubled him last season. Kenny Wharton, the former Newcastle United full-back who walked out on Middlesbrough this week after a month's trial, is set to join Bradford City.

● England's Under-16 team face Finland at Port Vale at midday today needing a draw to clinch the Nordic Cup competition. The squad, built around players from the FA's Lilleshall School, has already beaten Norway, Denmark and Sweden but lost to Iceland.

Supporters to be paid in their own coin

Luton Town, who ban visiting supporters from their first division matches, yesterday received confirmation that their own followers will be barred from the opening game of the season at White Hart Lane on Saturday week.

Tottenham will be unable to complete ground alterations in time, making segregation impossible. The Luton secretary, Bill Tomlins said: "It's unfortunate and we are very disappointed for our supporters, but we have to accept it. The decision has been taken for safety reasons and, in view of Hillsborough, we would be the last to complain about that."

Luton are considering live televison coverage of the match on giant screens at Kenilworth Road. About 2,000 Luton supporters made the 25-mile trip when Luton played at Tottenham last season.

Tottenham also announced that their home game against the champions, Arsenal, had been switched from August 30 to Wednesday, October 18.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 3, Montreal Expos 0; New York Mets 6, Philadelphia Phillies 0; St Louis Cardinals 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 2; San Diego Padres 2, Houston Astros 1; Atlanta Braves 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 3; San Francisco Giants 10, Cincinnati Reds 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee Brewers 6, Detroit Tigers 1; Cleveland Indians 7, New York Yankees 4; Minnesota Twins 7, Baltimore Orioles 0; Texas Rangers 4, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Chicago White Sox 8, Oakland A's 2; Boston Red Sox 8, Kansas City Royals 2; California Angels 4, Seattle Mariners 1.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCH: Kent 109, Essex 142.

YACHTING

NORTH BERWICK: European Topper championship: Fifth race: 1, T Garvie (Kingsley Lake); 2, A Carter (Herne Bay); 3, H Stiles (Downe); 4, Frost (Hayes); 5, A Carter, Girton; 6, J Stiles, 18; 7, G Miller, 20.

NUMBERS: Regatta GP 14 national championship: Fifth race: 1, S Relph and C Howarth (Bolton); 2, M Flatt and M Marsden (Blackpool); 3, R Smith and T Harper (Budworth). Overall: 1, Relph and Howarth, 8.75; 2, Flatt and Marsden, 10.

WEYMOUTH: Signet national championship: Fifth race: 1, A Boyne and J Dovey, Poppycock; 2, A Seaman and C Parkinson, Signo Viscera; 3, C Whiteside and S Whiteside, Joker; 4, C Whiteside and S Whiteside, Joker, same time; 5, P Holt, Holt, Lisheen; 6, Seaman and Parkinson; 7, P Nicholson and T Hill, The Gang.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Devon beat 202 (M R Ramprakash 77, P Farbrace 70, J I Longley 50) v Gloucestershire, Bicester: Glamorgan 254-7 (M Roberts 100 not out; F Gilliams 5-78) v Derbyshire, Leicester: Leicestershire 261-8 dec (G J Parsons 94 not out, J D Benson 66, I Pledger 60; R D Stemp 4-139); Worcestershire 248-9 (S Hepper 85 not out; M J Gidley 4-49). Newark: Nottinghamshire 411-5 dec (D J R Martindale 137, P Johnson not out 127, D R Laing 54); Sussex 5-0. Northampton: Yorkshire 276 (C Pickles 77); Northamptonshire 49-0. Taunton: Somerset 427-5 dec (N J Pringle 135 not out, J C M Atkinson 68, M D Crowe 91) and 33-0; Hampshire 311 (R J Scott 68, R M F Cox 75; S Prisbot 5-78). The Oval: Lancashire 309-4 dec (T M Orrell 176, S Titchard 100); Surrey 19-0. No play yesterday.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES: Glamorgan v Devon; Royal Navy 239-6 (Royal Air Force 162 (A Jones 58; A Quinlan 4-40). Royal Navy won by 57 runs. Title shared, each service having won one game.

OTHER MATCHES: Yorkshire Young Cricketers 128, Lancashire Colts 129-5. Hertfordshire Young Cricketers 269-6, Staffordshire Colts 131 (P Hayward 7-41).

* denotes home team

CYCLING

TOUR OF BELGIUM: First stage: First part (107km): 1, S Yates (GB), 2hr 46min 21sec; 2, S Ustenko (USSR), same time; 3, E Planckaert (Bel), at 40sec; 4, A Kappes (WG), same time; 5, J Maassen (Bel), same time. Second part (145km): 1, Yates, 3hr 11min 42sec; 2, D Darrell (Bel), same time; 3, F Maassen (Neth), same time; 4, R Sorensen (Den), same time; 5, C Hans (WG), same time. Overall positions: 1, Yates, 7hr 23min 09sec; 2, Maassen, at 10sec; 3, A Peiper (Aus), at 19.

GOLF

MARM: Boys home internationals: Scotland 7, England 6 (Scottish names first): Foursomes: C Fraser (Barnsley) and M Brooks (Carlisle) bt I Garbutt (Wheatley) and N Ludwell (Selby), 2 and 1; R Russell (Longniddry) and M Urquhart (Inverness) bt Colin Dyas and R Hart (Sandridge Park), 3 and 2; H Lee (Dunbar Burgh) and B Collier (Pollander) lost to V Phillips (Stoke Poges) and C Thompson (Hanwell), 4 and 3; S Dandee (Douglas) and N Mearns (Campsie) lost to P Sherman (Ashford) and M Welch (Hill Valley), 3 and 2; K Smillie (West Lothian) and C Gordon (Callander) lost to S Shaw (Wheatley) and S Pullen (Sandilands), 4 and 2. Singles: Fraser lost to Garbutt, 3 and 2; Russell bt Weller, 1 hole; Urquhart bt Luckwell, 2 and 1; Smillie bt L Westwood (Worksop), 1 hole; Dandee bt Phillips, 2 holes; Love bt Sherman, 2 and 1; Collier lost to Hurst, 1 hole; C Hislop (Pandora) lost to Pullen, 3 and 2; Gordon lost to Welch, 5 and 4; Brooks lost to Thompson, 4 and 3; Ireland 4½, Irish names first): Foursomes: P Hardigan (Sandstown) and R Burns (Banbridge) lost to R Johnson (Carrick) and R Evans (Ashburnham), 1 hole; G Sproule (Co Sligo) and R Coughlan (Birr) lost to C Evans (West Moor) and A Weason (Tredegar Park), 1 hole; G Kearney (Killarney) and Kyle Royal (Bangor) lost to M Wills (Machrihanish) and Randy Peachy), 2 holes; M Sinclair (Knock) and J Clarke (Carnalea) halved with C Shepard (Southern Down) and R Cocos (Dyrus); C Bell (Belvoir Park) and S Partfitt (Castlerock) bt M Ellis (Wrexham) and M Peat (Neath), 1 hole. Harrington bt Johnson, 1 hole; Burns bt R Evans, 3 and 1; Sproule lost to C Evans, 3 and 2; Murphy lost to Wills, 4 and 3; Kyle lost to Ellis, 4 and 3; Clarke bt Weason, 2 and 1; Partfitt lost to Grundle, 4 and 2; G Deegan Downpatrick lost to J Hopper (Filey), 1 hole; Sinclair lost to Cocos, 5 and 4; Coughlan lost to Peat, 5 and 4.

NIRAVANAMACHI: Nikkei Cup tournament: First round (Japan unless stated): 68: R Mackay (Aus); A Pujol, V Iwamura, Y Kaneko. 69: Y Nitzali, H Matsuda.

CUDDINGTON: Hennessy Cognac club championship: Final: 1, Horley GC, 62; 2, Cotherstpon GC, 64; 3, Frilford Heath GC, 65.

TENNIS

INDIANAPOLIS: Grand prix tournament: Men's singles (US unless stated): Second round: D Pate bt R Reneberg, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; B Mair bt N Pereira (Ven), 6-7, 6-4, 6-0; T Wilkison bt V Amritraj (India), 7-6, 6-3; G Muller (SA) bt J Brown, 6-4, 6-4; P Sampras bt S Yost (Aus), 6-1, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt D Visser (SA), 6-4, 6-4; C Mottram bt D Margison (IG), 6-1, 6-4; W Masur (Aus) bt C Pridham (Aus), 5-1, 7-5; R Matuszewski bt B Pearce, 7-5, 7-6; D Wheaton bt G Layendecker, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; J McEnroe bt D Cassidy, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4; T Mayotte bt J Arias, 6-7, 6-2, 6-2.

LIVINGSTON: Swiss away indie open championship: Men's singles: Second round: J Courtier (US) bt A Antonitsch (Austria), 6-1, 6-1; C Bailey (GB) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-3, 7-6; J Sidenberg (Aus) bt M Cheng (US), 6-3, 7-6, 7-4; J Grabb (US) bt J Tarango (US), 6-4, 6-3.

MANHATTAN BEACH: Virginia Slims of Los Angeles women's tennis championship: Singles: Second round: M Navratilova (US) bt I Demongeot (Fr), 6-3, 6-2; H Kaled (Can) bt A Henricksson (US), 6-3, 6-1; N Tauziat (Fr) bt K Adams (US), 6-0, 7-6; M-L Daniels (US) bt C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 7-6, 7-6; T Phelps (US) bt R White (US), 7-6, 7-5; G Meigers (US) bt L Allen (US), 6-2, 3-6, 7-5; M Lauer (GB) bt G Fernandez (US), 7-6, 6-2; T Wehlinger (US) bt M Lindstrom (Swe), 6-4, 6-3. Third round: P Shriver (US) bt C Porwik (WG), 4-6, 6-3, 6-0; H Mandlikova (Aus) bt A Frazier (US), 6-1, 6-6, 6-2.

SAO PAULO: Men's tournament: Singles: Second round (Brazilian unless stated): I Kley bt G Barbosa, 5-6, 6-2, 6-4; M Menezes bt W Kjellsen, 6-4, 6-7, 6-0; M Filonet (R) bt A Mattey (Aus), 4-6, 6-1; P Rebollido (Chile) bt C Nunes, 6-2, 6-0; G Marius (Arg) bt D Campos, 7-6, 6-2.

BROOKLINE: United States professional championships: Men's singles: Final: A Gomez (Ecu) bt M Wilander (Swe), 6-1, 6-4.

PESCARA: Men's tournament: Second round: G Schaller (Austria) bt A De Minicis (It), 6-2, 7-5; J Altur (Sp) bt S Pescocolido (It), 6-4, 6-2; P Albano (Sp) bt P Bardesas (It), 6-4, 6-1.

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Preliminary round: First leg: Auxerre (Fr) 0, Dynamo Zagreb (Yug) 1.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Cologne 0, VfB Stuttgart 0; Bayern Munich 1, Hamburg 0.

SKOL CUP: First round: Arbroath 1, East Stirling 0; Cowdenbeath 0, Montrose 4 (aet); East Fife 2, Queen's Park 2 (aet; 2-2 after 90 min; Queen's Park won 7-6 on penal; Stirling 0, Berwick 3; Stranraer 3, Brechin 4 (aet; 3-3 after 90 min).

OTHER MATCHES: Brentford 1, Queen's Park Rangers 0; Colchester 1, Chelsea 3; Luton 5, Hartlepool 1; Queen of the South 0, Celtic XI 0; Walsall 3, Leicester 1; Bournemouth 0, Charlton 2.

VAUXHALL NORDIC CUP (under-18s): England 3, Sweden 2; Norway 2, Finland 0; Denmark 2, Iceland 2. England need to draw against Finland tomorrow to win the tournament.

SWISS LEAGUE: Bellinzona 1, Sion 2; Grasshoppers 1, Aarau 2; Lausanne 1, Lugano 1; Neuchatel Xamax 3, Lucerne 2; St Gall 1, Servette 1; Wettingen 1, Young Boys Berne 1. Leading positions: 1, Neuchatel Xamax, played 5, 10pts; 2, Bellinzona, 5, 6; 3, Grasshoppers, 5, 6.

No compensation

Vancouver, B. C. (AP) — Mark Hamstra, who has been fighting in the courts for compensation from the British Columbia Rugby Union following a rugby accident in 1986 which left him a quadriplegic, has lost his case after the provincial Supreme Court ruled he was the architect of his own injury.

Correy to ride on

Ronnie Correy, the Wolverhampton speedway team's American rider, is to take his place in the Inter-Continental final at Bradford on Sunday, just a month after breaking a wrist. The American will be riding against doctor's orders in order to win a place in the world final for the first time.

Kay put on trial

St Helens have signed Tony Kay, the Barrow and Cumbria amateur county centre, on a three-month trial. Kay will make his debut for St Helens in the Wigan Sevens on Sunday.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Identity card scheme for Dutch supporters

The Hague (Reuter) — A last-minute attempt by Dutch supporters to prevent an anti-hooligan identity card scheme being introduced was rejected by The Hague district court yesterday.

Several supporters' clubs had applied for an injunction to halt the scheme, which is due to be introduced this weekend. The Royal Dutch Soccer Association (KNVB) wants to restrict the ticket sales for the away matches of a handful of "high-risk" clubs to card holders and fans who misbehave will have their cards confiscated.

Earlier this week, several organizations of Dutch soccer supporters went to court to seek an injunction against the project, claiming that it would violate the privacy of their members.

It is hoped that the project, the first of its kind in Western Europe, will contribute to a decrease violence by supporters, which has marred many football matches in the past few years, said Rob de Leede, a KNVB spokesman.

During a Tuesday hearing at the Hague district court, counsel for the supporter organizations, said that it would be illegal for the judicial authorities to pass on information on someone's criminal record to the KNVB, a private organization.

But in its Thursday ruling, the court dismissed that claim, arguing that the authorities were under an obligation to assist the soccer association in fighting hooliganism.

The KNVB is carrying out the project for the Dutch Interior Ministry.

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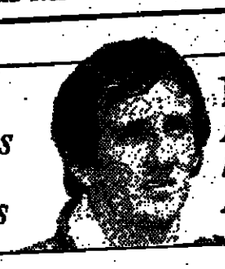
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Marsh enjoys Australia's day

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

TRENT BRIDGE (Australia won toss): Australia, with all first-innings wickets in hand, have scored 301 against England

The fond hope that this new England team might fare markedly better than the old was ridiculed yesterday as Australia's utter domination of the Cornhill series extended to a celebrated, unbroken first-wicket stand of 301, their highest in Ashes history.

Records fell at regular intervals on a day so thoroughly one-sided that, for all but the first hour, England did not so much as hint at a breakthrough. Geoff Marsh and Mark Taylor thus became only the eighth pair in Test cricket to bat through an entire day and the first ever in England. For David Gower's team, it was insult heaped upon grievous injuries.

In a sense, however, it was inevitable. Marsh has stood frustratedly alone as an Australian batting failure this summer. Until yesterday, his contribution to a team aggregate of more than 2,500 runs was a miserable 188 in eight innings. He is too good, too professional, to starve for long amid such a run feast.

The manner in which he put matters right was joyfully greeted on the Australian balcony, where he is a deservedly popular figure, but with rather less rapture by a crowd, significantly under capacity, which had come seeking a renaissance and witnessed only a reprise.

Australia now seem bound to exceed 400 in their first innings for the fifth time in as many Tests. And, if Allan Border should choose to declare before this evening's close, exposing foot-sore fielders to a sensitive session with the bat, what a test of character will await England's top three.

The pitch, however, is as good as the Australian score indicates, the sort of slow turner on which most recent Trent Bridge Tests, as distinct from county games, have been staged. It was of little use to the bowlers of extreme pace and England, reading it correctly, omitted Thomas.

This left Devon Malcolm, on his debut, to fire away with support from Fraser and Botham. They shared duties during a first hour in which England received limited encouragement, but no luck whatever. As a portent for what was to come, it proved entirely irrelevant, but the fact is that Australia might easily have been two wickets down for very few runs.

Malcolm has an unassuming approach to the wicket and an expressionless reaction to the fate of each ball. His spectacles are tied behind his head. He does not look the part. But he is undeniably quick and, even on this pitch, he soon forced the two openers to take some undignified evasive action.

In his second over, Malcolm hurried the ball onto Marsh, who can have survived the leg-before appeal only narrowly; in his third over, he went past Marsh's outside edge with a ball close to being unplayable. There was, in between times, a good deal of dross, but Malcolm need not be dismissed yet as a slice of selectorial fancy, even if he is strikingly raw. Once, vainly chasing a straight drive, he waved his hand as it crossed the boundary, the quaint gesture usually only seen in park cricket.

If Marsh enjoyed his share of early fortune, so too did Taylor. Twice, against Fraser and then Botham, he edged the ball at catchable height to the left of Moxon, at first slip. Neither was straightforward

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but a high-class slip catcher would have hoped to pocket one of them.

By lunch, Australia had reached 88 from 33 overs, restricted by an outfield slowed by overnight rain. Many strokes which would have hurried to the boundary on most days of this summer were being stopped short; of the 301 scored in the day, only 112 came in fours.

At 90, Australia had reached their highest Test opening stand on this ground. Then came their ninth century partnership of the series (England can boast only three) and, at long last, Marsh's first 50. It took him 191 minutes and he shook his head in wonderment that it had been so many matches in coming.

With the tone of another bleak day for England now set, it seemed wholly inappropriate that Chris Broad and Bruce French, two of the players who are defecting to South Africa, should appear on the England balcony. On their home ground, their right to attend for treatment is not in question but, at best, it was a tactless intrusion.

Before tea, Gower had turned to a third spin bowler, Atherton. His first over was a revelation, with every ball on length, the leg break turning and a googly good enough to deceive. As for Hemmings and Cook, they maintained control without threatening.

The day ended with both openers in total command, past their previous best scores in Test cricket and apparently oblivious to the possibility of getting out. It was difficult to see what more Gower could do.



Hats off: Mark Taylor (left) joins the celebrations as his partner, Geoff Marsh, reaches 50 at Trent Bridge yesterday

England keep their heads up

By John Woodcock

Needing all the luck they could get at Trent Bridge yesterday morning, England had none of it. Give or take two or three long hops and the occasional no ball, they bowled pretty well — by no means brilliantly, because they are nothing like good enough for that, but a good deal better than Australia's lunchtime score of 88 for no wicket suggested.

Something bisected first and second slip, at catching height off Botham, which should never have been allowed to; Moxon, at first slip, could have caught Taylor off Fraser, though the chance was a difficult one; there was much playing and missing; and Marsh could have had no complaints had he been given out leg before to Malcolm in the fourth over of the day. Once they had got through the morning, Australia's progress became grimly inevitable.

After as hot and dry a spell of weather as would be considered unusual even in parts of Australia, Nottinghamshire's groundsmen had managed to produce an unnaturally green outfield and an inordinately slow pitch. Would that he had not!

It was not until the late afternoon that Malcolm lived up to his reputation as the wild bull of the Derbyshire Dales. His opening spell had been fast and presentably accurate. I suppose he might just about get into the Windward Islands side — but not the Leewards, who must have dozens as good.

There were times during the morning when Fraser bowled much as Alec Bedser might have done: not yet with quite the cut and fizz and versatility of the great man, but with genuine accuracy and at a similar sort of pace. The spinners, for their part, were handicapped all day by having fielders next to the crease who were concerned as much with taking evasive action as looking for a picking off the bat.

But there is nothing like an easy-paced English pitch for digging in. Bill Lawry, whose record partnership with Bobby Simpson, coach to the Australian team, went yesterday, used to say that, and he spoke with the knowledge of having played all round the world.

Marsh and Taylor came together as an opening pair earlier this year because of the value Allan Border, their captain, attaches to having a left- and right-hander going in first together — a view, I am sure, which Simpson shares. Bowlers tend to be put off by such a combination, because of having to change their aim; captains dislike it, because it involves so much changing on the field; and umpires dislike it because it keeps them on the move.

I was at Adelaide in January 1966 when Lawry and Simpson established their record stand, and at Bridgetown before that, in January 1960, when Frank Worrell and Garry Sobers batted through two days against England. That each time England had a much better, more experienced attack than they do now can be of some consolation to Gower and his bowlers.

At Adelaide, Mike Smith had Jeff Jones and David Brown to open and, in Allen and Titmus, a pair of spinners who knew all the tricks of the trade. Boycott bowled an over or two and Barber offered some leg breaks, much as Atherton did yesterday. In Barbados, under Peter May's command, England's bowling came from Trueman, Moss, Dexter, Illingworth, Barrington and Allen again.

On both occasions the weather was much as it was yesterday, though hotter, naturally. The time came when all that the bowlers and fielders could do was to stick at it, to keep their heads up, and yesterday, in this respect, England at least did that.

SCOREBOARD FROM TRENT BRIDGE

Australia won toss

AUSTRALIA

First Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
G R Marsh not out	125	–	15	361	320
M A Taylor not out	141	–	13	361	309
Extras (b 5, lb 15, w 1, nb 14)	35				
Total (0 wkt, 102 overs)	301				

D C Boon, *A R Border, D M Jones, S R Waugh, †I A Healy, T V Hohns, M G Hughes, G F Lawson and T M Alderman to bat.

BOWLING: Fraser 24-9-54-0 (nb 12); Malcolm 18-2-85-0 (w 1); Botham 20-3-68-0; Hemmings 20-6-47-0; Cook 15-6-25-0; Atherton 5-0-21-0 (nb 2).

ENGLAND

T S Curtis, M D Moxon, M A Atherton, R A Smith, *D I Gower, I T Botham, †R C Russell, E E Hemmings, A R C Fraser, D E Malcolm and N G B Cook.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and N T Plews.

Today: 11.0, 90 overs minimum.
TV times: BBC2 10.50am-1.10pm and 1.35-6.10pm (includes racing and golf). Highlights 12.10-12.45am (tomorrow).

PARTNERS SURVIVING DAY

Geoff Marsh and Mark Taylor yesterday became the ninth pair of batsmen in Test cricket to bat through a full day's play. They are only the third couple to do so on the opening day of a match, after Manjrekar and Roy in 1955-56 and Lawry and Simpson in 1964-65, and the first ever in a Test in England.

Partners	Match	Venue	Year	Day
J B Hobbs and H Sutcliffe	Eng v Aus	Melbourne	1924-25	3rd
D S Atkinson and C Depeiza	WI v Aus	Bridgetown	1954-55	4th
M H Manjrekar and P Roy	Ind v NZ	Madras	1955-56	1st
C C Hunte and G S Sobers	WI v Pak	Kingston	1957-58	3rd
F M Worrell and G S Sobers	WI v Eng	Bridgetown	1959-60	5th
W M Lawry and R B Simpson	Aus v WI	Bridgetown	1964-65	1st
G R Viswanath and Y Sharma	Ind v Eng	Madras	1981-82	2nd
A Gurusinha and A Ranatunga	SL v Pak	Colombo	1985-86	5th
G R Marsh and M A Taylor	Aus v Eng	Trent Bridge	1989	1st

Four under par puts Woosnam in contention

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Chicago

The rise and rise of little Ian Woosnam as a favourite on American soil continued here yesterday, when, with a first round of 68, which is four under par, he moved into contention for the United States PGA golf championship on the Kemper Lakes course.

Not that Woosnam actually leads the way, with the Americans Mike Reid (66), Phil Blackmar (68) and the revitalized Tom Watson among those on the leader board, but his mere presence is another indication of his increasing ability to give off his best in the major championships.

Severiano Ballesteros laid the foundation for what promised to be a low round when he went to four under par after seven holes. Even so he could not maintain his momentum and he lost ground late in the round.

American officials clearly took notice of Woosnam's charismatic performance in the US Open in June when he finished joint runner-up to Curtis Strange. He was drawn here alongside Mark Calcavecchia, the Open champion, who subsequently withdrew following the birth of his first child, and Strange.

Calcavecchia was replaced by Howard Twitty, who last won on the US Tour in 1980. Twitty required only one hole to make an impression. He holed from 22 feet for a birdie while both Strange and Woosnam, having each driven into a fairway bunker, were content to salvage their pars.

It was a glorious morning with the skies clear and the temperature in the 80s. Even on a course as demanding as Kemper Lakes, it was clear that the scoring would be low. Mike Hulbert, a journeyman American, emphasised the point by reaching the turn in 31 although he lost his way on the inward half.

Woosnam waited only until the third hole for his first birdie. There he holed a tricky downhill putt of 18 feet for a two. He was virtually home in two at the fourth where, employing a metal driver, he struck his tee shot more than 50 yards past those of his playing partners. The approach left the ball in the collar of rough surrounding the green. He got up and down with the assistance of a ten foot putt.

The Welshman appeared more confident on the greens than he has been of late. He has used a spirit level to change the angle of the putter head. Woosnam, however, could not repair the damage of a hooked tee shot at the eighth where he dropped his first shot.

He deserved not, as he was at that stage, to be trailing both Strange and Twitty, or for that matter a cluster of players on the leader board. It was not long, however, before Woosnam began to rise again. A birdie at the 11th was followed by another at the 14th where he holed from eight feet. Then at the next he coaxed home another putt, this time from 12 feet, for a birdie. He dropped a shot by driving into a fairway bunker at the 16th but recovered it with a birdie from three feet at the last.

Ballesteros breathed hot and cold. He had before the start of the Championship turned to David Leadbetter in the hope that the man who has become known as Nick Faldo's guru could help detect the missing link in his game. "I'm hitting it left and right," Ballesteros said. "Military golf."

At the first he stroked the ball accurately enough. It went from 25 feet straight into the hole for a birdie. The Spaniard hit his tee shot at the third to 15 inches and his approach to the fourth to five feet. The latter putt was for an eagle but he missed it.

Ballesteros atoned with an eagle at the seventh where his four iron hardly strayed from the flagstick and the ball came to rest less than three feet from the hole. He had, however, taken three putts at the sixth and he did so again at the ninth after having dropped a shot at the previous hole where he was in a bunker.

Bernhard Langer ended a promising start with a six at the 18th. The West German had played well within himself, equalizing two bogeys with birdies at the 12th and 15th, but he paid an expensive penalty for being too cautious at the last. There he elected to take a three-wood off the tee but he pulled the ball into the water.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 68: M Reid, Ian Woosnam (GB); P Blackmar. 69: D Edwards. 70: C Strange; D Pooley. 71: D Pohl; G Twigas; M Wiebe; G Koch. 73: J Gallagher; R Betley. 74: B Langer (WG); C Rose; J Huston; S Spray; C Mitchell. 75: B Faxon; J Jackson. 76: S Davis. 77: R Mann; G Jones; J Tucker. 78: R Landrum; R Ford. 80: L Nelson. 81: R Maskell.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	405	4	10	453	4
2	391	4	11	534	5
3	173	3	12	388	4
4	508	5	13	219	3
5	442	4	14	429	4
6	180	3	15	578	5
7	557	5	16	469	4
8	421	4	17	172	3
9	446	4	18	433	4
Out	3,526	36	In	3,671	36

Total yardage: 7,197 Par 72

Aouita's late rush beats Ondieki

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Malmö

Some things are more important than world records. As far as Said Aouita was concerned at the international meeting here last night, beating Yobes Ondieki was highest on the list.

Aouita achieved it, winning in 7min 43.95sec, which gives a clue as to why the race was generally unsatisfying for all others concerned. Much had been made of world record attempts beforehand, and the pacemakers, Charles Cheruyiot and Sydney Maree, certainly fulfilled their role adequately.

But Aouita contented himself to track Ondieki and Arturo Barrios, already a dozen metres down on the pacing pair after 1½ laps, that the contest had an air of inevitability.

Ondieki, who had beaten Aouita by 10 seconds in a 5,000 metres earlier this season had said that, if Aouita was anywhere near him on the last lap, then the Moroccan would win. So it turned out.

Barrios still led at the bell, with Maree — 1,500 metres world record-holder for a week back in 1983 — having given up ideas of winning after being 50 metres ahead one lap previously. But the chasing trio, close enough together to be covered not so much by a blanket as a doormat, swept past in the back straight. Aouita, with a 55.74sec last lap, won as he liked. Ondieki clocked 7:45.00 in second place, and Barrios was third in 7:46.87.

There seemed to be much confusion later as to whom, exactly, was going for the world record. Ondieki said, "Why should I make the pace for Aouita? If he wanted the world record, why didn't he go out and do it?"

Aouita said virtually the same thing, amongst much else, finally deciding that if the promoters wanted a world record, they should have just invited one top man instead of three. That, at least, made some sense.

Aouita was not even happy to beat the one man who had beaten him this year. The Moroccan now goes to Hengelo, in the Netherlands, for a 1,500 metres on Sunday, then onto Zurich on Wednesday for either the same distance or a 5,000 metres. But since Ondieki is doing the latter, that re-match remains to be seen.

Carl Lewis won the 100 metres in 10.11sec after Denis Mitchell had got by far the best start of an impressive field. Andre Cason, world junior champion last year, chased Lewis home. But, surprisingly, Calvin Smith, in the lane next to Lewis, was never in the hunt. Nor was Chidi Imo, desperately trying to retrieve the form, which made him one of the top three in the world three years ago.

Kevin Young took the 400 metres hurdles in 48.61sec. And Joe McGhee took Olympic champion, Andre Phillips on the line. The "Fab Four" 400 metres, deprived of the Olympic champion, Steve Lewis through injury, was won by the world record-holder, Butch Reynolds, in 44.33sec.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Liverpool and Everton cut capacities

Liverpool and Everton are to reduce the capacities of their grounds after the findings of the interim report into the Hillsborough disaster (Ian Ross writes).

Anfield's capacity goes down from 44,000 to just over 39,000 by cutting the number of standing places available on the ground's famous Kop. It will now hold 16,000. Everton have reduced the capacity of Goodison Park from 50,000 to 42,000.

"There are going to be a lot of disappointed supporters and we do feel sorry for them," Peter Robinson, Liverpool's chief executive, said.

Thomson retires

Muriel Thomson, one of Scotland's leading women professional golfers, has departed the European Tour she helped to start 10 years ago following a dismal run of form. Thomson, aged 34, of Aberdeen, said: "I'm burned out mentally and physically and it has been costing me money to pursue what is, after all, my job."

Thomson, who began the year in ninth place on the European women's Tour career money-list, has slumped to 45th after finishing equal 49th in the British Open last weekend.



Gray: calling it a day

Switching on

The Scottish international, Andy Gray, aged 33, is retiring from football to join British Satellite Broadcasting. Gray's career saw him play at Dundee United, Aston Villa, Wolves, Everton, West Bromich Albion and Glasgow Rangers.

Green enters

Lucinda Green, the former world champion, and Mark Todd, of New Zealand, the Olympic champion, head the entry for the Wilton Horse Trials on August 19 and 20.

Title time

Paul Hodgkinson, of Liverpool, meets Peter Harris, of Swansea, for the European featherweight title at Port Talbot on September 6.

Life bans

Yeovil Town, of the GM Vauxhall Conference, have banned three supporters for life following crowd trouble at their match against Bournemouth last Saturday. A fourth supporter has been banned for 10 years.

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